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**ALL THE WAY FROM DIXIE**

Dixie Chicks lead singer Natalie Maines performs to a sold-out crowd at the Saddledome on Thursday night. The Dixie Chicks were originally set to play during the Stampede, but their show was postponed due to the flood. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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Year-over-year rise

Three more deaths add to outcry over impaired driving

Frustration mounted Thursday over Calgary's ballooning rate of alcohol-related traffic fatalities in the wake of three more casualties the night before.

Eighteen of 33 fatal crashes this year have involved alcohol, according to Calgary police. That's up from 14 last year.

At a press briefing, Sgt. Colin Foster said investigators are "confident that alcohol is a factor" in the head-on crash that claimed three lives in Glendale.

"I'm fed up to the back teeth having to go to another fatality involving alcohol," Foster told reporters.

Police reported a Dodge Neon carrying four occupants was travelling "erratically" eastbound on 17th Avenue at about 8 p.m. when it crossed the centre median and slammed into a Jeep Cherokee.

A 32-year-old woman and 37-year-old man, reported to be a common-law couple, were pronounced dead at the scene. A 35-year-old man later died in hospital.

Impaired-driving charges are pending against a 47-year-old man, who reportedly remains in hospital in critical condition.

The Jeep occupants were said to have been treated for bumps and bruises.

MADD Canada head Denise Dubyk also expressed frustration with the spike in crashes, questioning why awareness campaigns aren't sinking in.

"How much clearer can we say, 'Impaired driving has consequences?'" she said. **BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO**



Elbow Park School was hit hard by raging flood waters from the Elbow River in June. It remains unclear if even portions of the structure can be salvaged. **METRO FILE**

Contract for temporary gym under scrutiny

Displaced Elbow Park students. Project given to residents' association president's company



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Construction of a heavily criticized temporary gymnasium for flood-affected Calgary students has been turned over to a company that has the head of an area residents' association among its executives.

The \$1.1-million structure is part of a \$5-million plan to house students from the heavily damaged Elbow Park School in modulars on the playground of nearby Earl Grey School.

The gymnasium project, specifically, is being purchased through a sole-source contract. Word of it surfaced in media reports just days after the Twitter account of the area residents' association reported having a "Good meeting with @Premier_Redford today. Discussion around upstream flood mitigation and rebuilding Elbow Park School."

But the Canadian Taxpayers Federation was quick to point out Thursday that Tim Sprung, president of the Elbow Park Residents' Association, is also vice-president of Sprung Instant Structures, which is constructing the playground.

"He sits wearing one hat as the residents' association president, making the case to the government and the premier that they need a \$1.1-million

gymnasium, and then turns around and says, 'Well, I know who can build it,'" said federation spokesperson Derek Fildebrandt.

"The optics of this being in the premier's riding means it stinks pretty badly."

Sprung did not respond to an email inquiry and repeated calls Thursday.

Critics have also been quick to question why Elbow Park students couldn't use the gym inside Earl Grey, deeming the project wasteful.

The provincial infrastructure ministry defended its decision to bring on Sprung's company for the project.

"After consulting with several other companies, it was determined that Sprung Structures was the only company that could provide the tempor-

Future of Elbow Park

Calgary Board of Education officials have confirmed they have an engineering report detailing damage to the original building, but said it belongs to an insurer and cannot be made public.

- It's estimated it will take two years or more to repair the building or tear it down and construct a new one.

ary gymnasium structure in a reasonable time frame, which is why the contract was sole-sourced," said Christine Way, press secretary for Infrastructure Minister Wayne Drysdale, in a statement.

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Avtar Rattu, like hundreds of other Calgary cabbies, is hoping to get his hands on his own taxi plate in a lottery planned for Friday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Cab fair? Record numbers waving down plates fuel calls to loosen regulations

'Artificial scarcity'

City official says an open market would lead to 'flooded' industry



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Avtar Rattu knows the odds aren't in his favour.

The Checker Yellow Cabs driver yearns for a taxi plate of his very own, but he's just one of 1,633 applicants vying for 47 regular plates in a lottery planned for Friday.

"I'm pretty sure I won't get it, but still, you have to try," said Rattu, who currently rents a plate and drives part-time. "It's about the flexibility, so you can go to Checker, Associated, Delta

or Mayfair."

There were also 526 applicants for 13 wheelchair-accessible plates — eligible drivers did have the option of applying for both types.

Representatives with city livery services say the application count is by far a record — a release of 100 general plates in 2006 generated interest from a little under 1,000 prospective drivers and 55 additional accessible plates last year drew interest from 704.

For Rattu, it means his chances of winning in Friday's lottery are about one in 35.

But the demand for plates among drivers is fuelling calls to open up the taxi market, offering plates to anyone who is eligible.

Sandy Jenkins with consumer advocacy group

Voters for Taxis said the city has created "artificial scarcity," adding he couldn't think of another industry in Calgary under such tight regulations.

"Ice-cream shops, hairdressers — sure, there's some regulation involved but not on the number of them," he said.

Jenkins added he frequently hears complaints among taxi drivers about steep rents paid to drive with someone else's plate and the steep cost of purchasing one outright on what city officials have admitted is a legally grey market.

Earlier this year, Metro inquired about purchasing three different taxi plates online and found sellers requesting \$100,000 or more, despite technically being in possession of city property.

City livery services, however, says it first moved to a

"controlled-entry system" for taxi plates in 1986 after hearing complaints from drivers that they couldn't make ends meet competing in a free-for-all system.

Jodi Hughes, city licensing co-ordinator, said the system proposed by Jenkins would lead to many issues.

"The industry would be flooded with all the vehicles until it was determined if they could sustain that many vehicles on the road," she said.

Odds are 1 in 35

"I'm pretty sure I won't get it, but still, you have to try."

Taxi driver Avtar Rattu, on his chances of winning his own taxi plate in Friday's lottery.

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Abuse. Couple faces prison time for caging mentally handicapped relative

The prosecution says an Edmonton-area couple who abused a mentally handicapped relative before she died in 2009 should be sentenced to three years in prison.

Betty Anne Gagnon, who was 48, had been confined in a basement, a dog run and a converted school bus with no heat, running water or electricity at a rural home east of Edmonton.

A medical examiner determined she died of a head injury that was caused by either a blow to the face or

a fall.

A Crown lawyer says Gagnon's younger sister, Denise Scriven, and brother-in-law, Michael Scriven, don't deserve a sentence they could serve in the community.

The lawyer says they've tried to justify their actions and not taken full responsibility for what happened.

The Scrivens were originally charged with manslaughter, but pleaded guilty earlier this year to failing to provide the necessities of life.

Court had already heard that it's clear Gagnon lived her last months in misery. The couple video-taped her as she was repeatedly spanked and had her mouth washed out with cleaner.

An autopsy showed she was covered in bruises and underweight when she died. There were just 30 kilograms on her tiny five-foot-two frame.

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Background

Gagnon had lived in a private care home until the placement ended in 2005. When workers were unable to find a new residence for her right away, she went to live with her sister, a registered nurse, at her rural home near Ardrossan, Alta.

SECONDARY-SUITES ISSUES NEEDS TO BE PUT TO REST



IN DEFENCE OF
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First things first, I must offer an apology. If this column sounds angrier than most, it's because I'm mad.

Actually, I'm furious.

But mostly, I'm embarrassed. I can't stand the small minority of people who continue to lobby against legalizing secondary suites here in Calgary. They say the squeaky wheel gets the grease, so consider this column a monster-truck-size wheel.

Heading into his second term, Mayor Nenshi is now forced to be diplomatic and state that due to the way certain councilors will vote on the issue of secondary suites, he must re-examine his strategy and look at broader options. I'm very happy not to be an elected official because I don't always have to be diplomatic, but it's time for Calgarians to put this issue to rest, prefer-

ably in a bedroom that can be found in a secondary suite.

In the years that we've debated this issue, I've never heard of a real reason (a reason that doesn't make us sound elitist and snobby) on why we shouldn't legalize these apartments. Fears of noisy people, too many cars, parties and, God forbid, poor people, are embarrassing, unfounded and disrespectful. That's not my Calgary. Is there really a group of Calgarians that think people are struggling to find homes because they're partying too much?

If you think the secondary suites are just for the homeless and others who are facing personal struggles, well, I have news for you. I love renting and I'm not alone, but that doesn't mean I'm against home ownership. It means that I chose, at least for now, where I want to sleep at night.

The choice is one that I appreciate, but not one that everyone gets to make.

According to the Calgary Homeless Foundation, there

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Those are just some of the people who will benefit from an increased inventory of apartments. We have the ability to give these people homes again.

Perhaps it sounds grandiose to say that secondary suites will fix many of the problems that face any city. But here in Calgary, it's definitely a start.

The fact that elected officials in city hall and community associations continue to advocate against something as simple as secondary suites, even though it benefits way more than it harms, is baffling.

But as with many issues, the vocal minority often dominates the consciousness of our elected officials.

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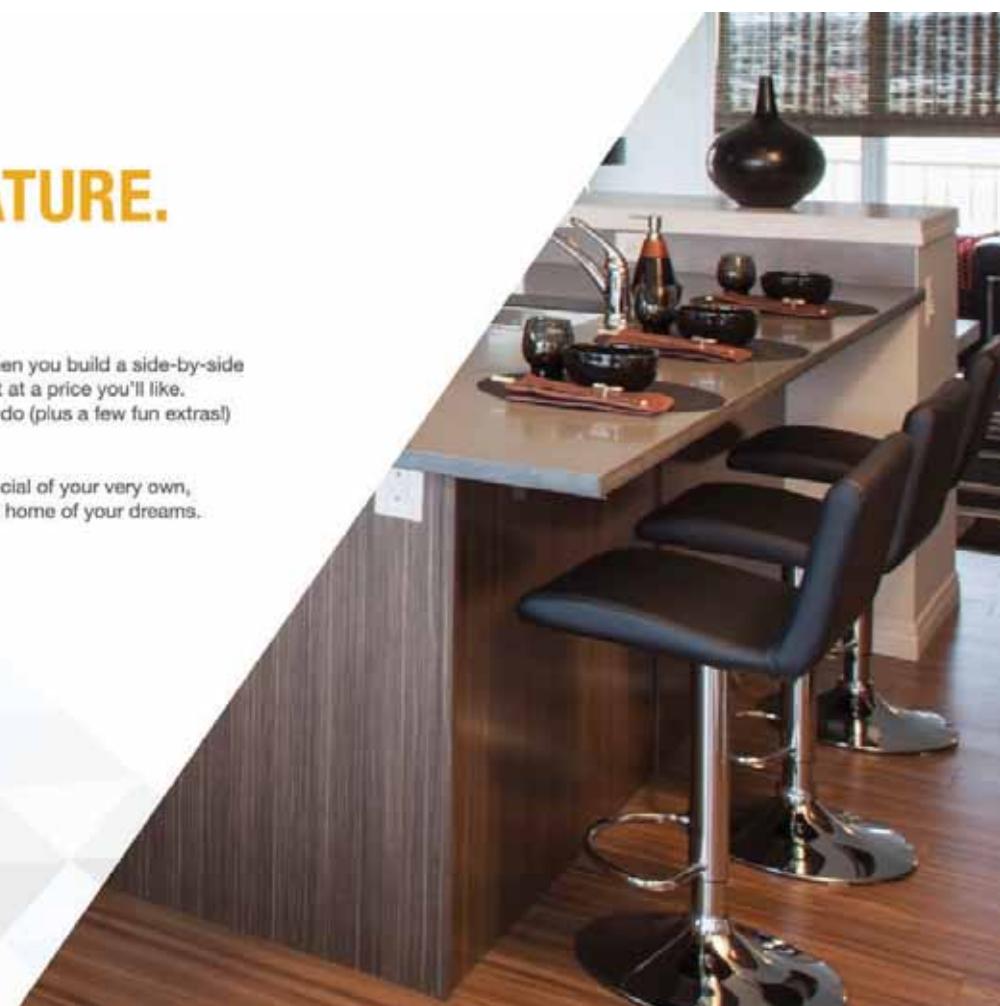


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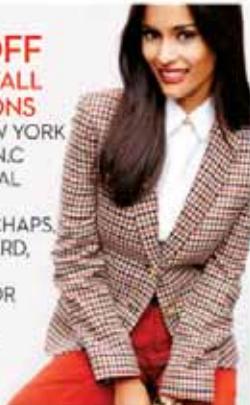
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Bus delays don't fly for frustrated riders

When wheel it end?

Airport worker laments major delays in commute to workplace

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Transit rider Tobi Scott says she faces major delays getting to her job at the Calgary International Airport. Calgary Transit attributes delays to ongoing construction in the northeast area.

Sales manager Tobi Scott doesn't flinch anymore when her transit-reliant employees turn up late to work — she hits the same hurdles getting to her job at the airport.

Scott claims to routinely face delays upward of 20 minutes and as long as an hour, adding she's heard similar

woes from colleagues at the airport.

"You schedule to expect staff to be there at 9 a.m.," she said. "If the bus isn't here on time they're not getting to work on time."

"For us, that's customers coming through the airport that we're not able to support."

There are three main routes into the airport: 100, 300 and 430. Calgary Transit acknowledges there are delays with its airport service, which they attribute to ongoing construction projects in the area.

Transit planning manager Neil McKendrick said reports show double-digit delays, but nothing anywhere near an hour-long.

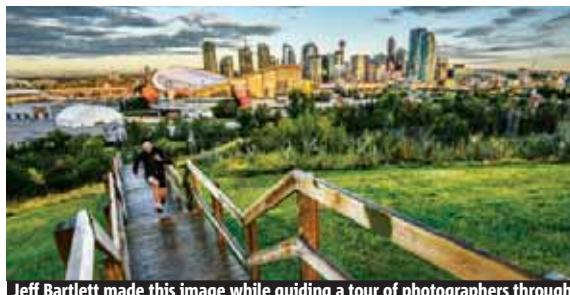
McKendrick pointed out Calgary Transit can switch up its route schedules four times a year, with the next possible revamp scheduled for mid-December.



Delays caused by ongoing construction have dulled sales manager Tobi Scott's sense of surprise when her fellow employees don't arrive on time.

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Do you recognize the runner in this photo?



Jeff Bartlett made this image while guiding a tour of photographers through Alberta. He promised to give a copy to the man running up the stairs, but lost the runner's contact info. JEFF BARTLETT/CONTRIBUTED

Who is this mystery runner, sprinting up the steps on Scotsman's Hill?

Professional photographer Jeff Bartlett would like to know, so he can fulfill his promise to deliver a copy of the photo to the subject.

Bartlett, who is based in Jasper, was guiding a group of international photographers in September on a tour of the most scenic locations in the province, as part of a tourism promotion called Alberta 1x1.

Their first stop was in Calgary and they found the runner on an early-morning outing to Scotsman's Hill to get shots of the city skyline.

In return for his co-operation as a subject, Bartlett promised to send the runner a copy of the finished photo, and took down the man's contact information in his iPhone.

"Unfortunately, a couple of days later, before I could send it to him, I broke my phone," Bartlett said.

"We were shooting with the same group in Johnston's Canyon in Banff and I dropped it down onto some boulders on the side of the river."

And while it's just one photo of countless Bartlett has taken, he felt compelled to try to find the mystery runner.

Anyone with information about the runner's identity can contact Bartlett through photobartlett.com.

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Picture this

"Quite often I ask to take people's photos wherever I am and I always really like to make sure to give back to that, because I'm taking up their time. I feel kind of bad that this one didn't work out."

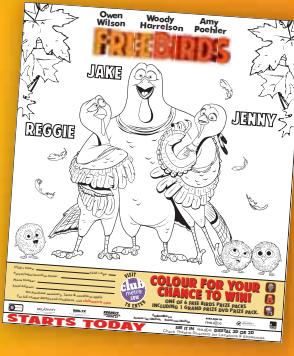
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Backing off on Bill 28. Progress seen on Calgary Metropolitan Plan

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"There are things that are not clear to us, as far as us affecting or not affecting the CMP."

Coun. Jim Stevenson on Bill 28

standing proposal for regional development rules that has divided area municipalities and was subject to a mediation process earlier this year.

The move comes after opposition outcry over what was described as "draconian" components of the bill that could see elected municipal officials fined or jailed for refusing to comply with regional planning boards over things like land-use and infrastructure decisions.

In a statement, Redford said Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths will now "consult with municipal leaders to ensure the bill properly allows communities to work together, while maintaining local autonomy for the betterment of the people they serve."

Coun. Jim Stevenson said he and other members of the Calgary Regional Partnership plan to meet with Griffiths next week to discuss the bill's impact on the Calgary Metropolitan Plan (CMP), a long-

"We've taken a brief look at Bill 28 but there needs to be a lot of answers," Stevenson said. "There are things that are not clear to us, as far as us affecting or not affecting the CMP."

Stevenson added that he was "very encouraged" by the CMP mediation.

"We came very close to having a unanimous agreement on the plan," he said, adding that only a few "little things" remain outstanding between the regional municipal leaders.

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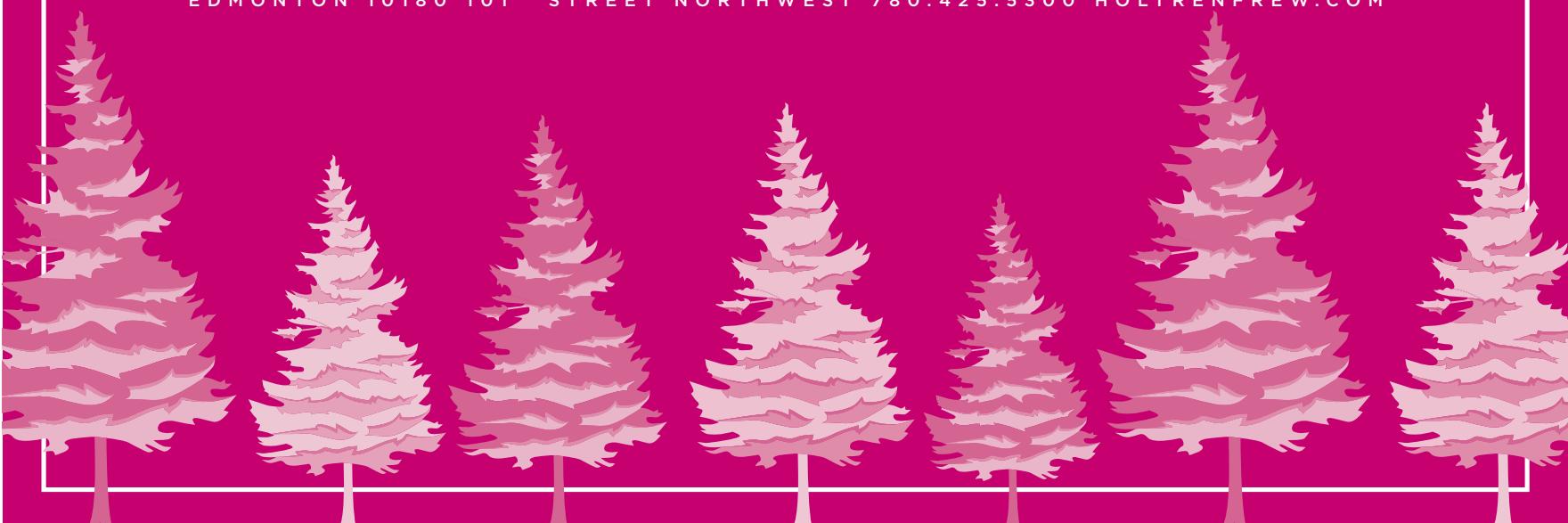
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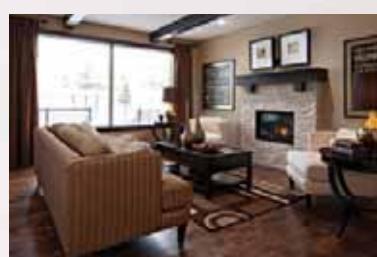
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Critics angered by ICEcigs' TV spot

Controversy. Canadian Medical Association Journal has recently raised concerns over e-cigarettes

A Calgary startup is looking to get in on the e-cigarette trend with a tweaked product

they say sidesteps many of the concerns recently outlined by Canadian health experts, but an Alberta anti-smoking advocate isn't convinced.

Entrepreneurs Andre Girard and Sheldon Croome are due to get some national publicity next week with an appearance on CBC's Dragons' Den, pitching their ICEcigs" to the celebrity investors.

Croome says they are

"completely unlike any of the other e-cigarettes." The devices are designed to look and feel like real cigarettes — including cotton filters — but contain no tobacco or nicotine.

Croome says they are essentially a "smoking placebo" that vaporizes water and tobacco-flavoured oil. The company used to produce fruit-flavoured e-cigarettes but ceased

due to concerns of appealing to children, Croome added.

The Canadian Medical Association Journal recently raised concerns about e-cigarettes, noting refill cartridges containing nicotine can be obtained from the U.S., even though Health Canada prohibits them.

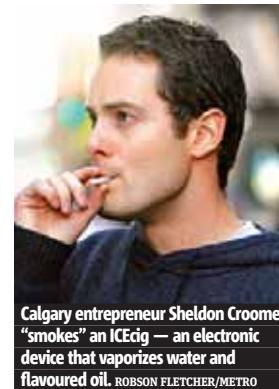
Les Hagen of Action on Smoking and Health said the devices are often marketed

as smoking-cessation devices, but he's seen no credible evidence to support that.

"These devices do not meet any health claims that they're making and there are hazards," he said.

"Any time you're burning ... chemicals and organic materials, there are definitely some emissions that come off of these products."

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Calgary entrepreneur Sheldon Croome "smokes" an ICEcig — an electronic device that vaporizes water and flavoured oil. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

New trial. Man convicted in Calgary businessman's murder gets life term

A man convicted of second-degree murder in the shooting of a businessman in an office hallway has been sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 18 years.

Mohamed Karim was silent in the courtroom as a judge read the verdict on Thursday.

Jack Beauchamp, president of Morbank Financial, was found dead inside a downtown Calgary office tower in January 2006. Court heard Beauchamp was shot six times by Karim after a multimillion-dollar property deal fell through.

The justice noted that the premeditated nature of the crime put Karim at the high end of the parole scale.

"She more or less based it on all the aggravating factors with the planning and deliberation," Karim's lawyer, Adriano Lovinelli, said outside court.

"Although it wasn't enough for a conviction of first-degree, it led to a higher moral blameworthiness of Mr. Karim and set the (parole) term at 18 years."

Original trial

Robert Deer and Mohamed Karim were initially convicted of first-degree murder but were granted a new trial when a court ruled the original trial judge erred.

Lovinelli said he and his client understood the reasons for the judge's decision.

The defence lawyer pointed out that Karim had already apologized to Beauchamp's relatives, although he didn't do so in court.

"He wanted to actually apologize on the record to the families. The families received their letters of apology and they didn't want to hear a verbal apology in court."

Robert Deer, a second man involved in the shooting, was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced in 2012 to 16 years in prison.

Deer and Karim were initially convicted of first-degree murder, but were granted a new trial when a court ruled the original trial judge erred. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen-slaying case. Alta. appeal court grants part of lawyer's wish list

A young man convicted of first-degree murder in the shooting of a Calgary teenager will get a new trial, but not on the less serious charge his lawyer had been seeking.

The man was 17 when he was arrested following the death of Adam Cavanagh, who was shot in the head through a basement window of his northeast-area home in February 2007.

He was given a 10-year sen-

tence, but his lawyer said the trial judge made a number of errors.

The case was brought before the Alberta Court of Appeal, where the defence argued for a new trial on a charge of second-degree murder.

The high court has now granted a retrial, but the panel says in a seven-page decision that it should be by indictment on the original charge.

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Documentary aims to raise money and awareness

The Big Give. The initiative helps fund sports programs in the city's underprivileged areas

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In 2010, the Forest Lawn High School senior boys basketball team didn't win a single game.

A year later, they came within inches of a city championship, losing on a shot made at the buzzer.

But Adam Woodward and Dave Wilder would contend that, regardless of the numbers on the scoreboard, the kids they coached gained skills and experiences that will extend well beyond the court.

For 14 years, the pair have steered efforts to fund sporting programs, gear, uniforms and much more in lower-income Calgary communities.

Their initiative, known formally as The Big Give Project, is the subject of a documentary shot by city company Urban Revolver in its final production stages.

Woodward said the final product will explore the "social deficit" between have and have-not communities in the Calgary region, with a specific focus on sports programs and venues. He said having proper facilities

keeps kids out of trouble and teaches them to overcome adversity. Once finished, Woodward plans to mail or drop a copy of the documentary off at the office of every city, provincial and federal government official.

"The lack of infrastructure in this area, it's kind of a joke," Woodward said, adding, "We shot footage at Marlborough Mall, we shot footage at the CTrain, that's where these kids hang out. We want to shake enough trees here so that decision makers at the budgetary level can say, 'We need to put something behind these kids.'

Previously, The Big Give Project was active at the former Ernest Manning High School for a decade, assisting with basketball and also helping sustain football programs in various areas of the city, providing equipment and joining schools together to field a full team.

Craigery Dennis, CEO of Urban Revolver, said the film intertwines two worlds, with Woodward and Wilder exploring what well-off communities have to offer their kids, while the Forest Lawn athletes duke it out on the court.

"We've been filming it for four years," Dennis said. "It's been quite a journey."

Travis Juska, a Calgary police officer and head of the Forest Lawn hoops team the year of their impressive run, said he even hears negative perceptions about the area from his own friends. He said while the area may be



Adam Woodward and Dave Wilder, founders of The Big Give Project, hope to give government representatives and the general public a wake-up call about the lack of infrastructure in areas of Calgary like Forest Lawn. Their efforts are to be featured in an upcoming documentary Woodward says is due out in early 2014. JEREMY NOLAIIS/METRO

lower on the socio-economic scale and dealt with higher crime rates in years past, people shouldn't be too quick to judge.

"There's such a tremendous group of people that live in that community and go to that school," he said. "You can't let one bad apple spoil the bunch."

Woodward and Wilder, meanwhile, have their eyes on a mass fundraising campaign to construct a "super campus" right behind Forest Lawn High School that would feature a basketball dome, soccer centre as well as retail and boardroom space.

In the film, Woodward

visits a facility with Olympic-sized basketball and hockey rinks in the wealthy community of Springbank.

"You take this facility, you plop it down in the middle of Penbrooke and you watch it fill up," he tells the camera, adding, "this is awesome. It's awesome for this community — why can't we find people to support a vision that would put a facility like this in the middle of a part of town, if not various parts of town, where people would use it all the time."

The Big Give Project has provided \$120,000 to city school sports programs this year alone.

The Big Give Project's plan for Super Campus

1 Big Give Tower - \$2 million - courtyard, retail space, subsidized office space for not-for-profits and amateur athletic groups

2 The Hoopdome - \$25 million - six basketball courts, 18 volleyball courts, 24 badminton courts, would be open 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day of the year

3 The Soccer Centre - \$12.5 million - four soccer courts, indoor running track, tournament-style venue

4 Outdoor fields - cost not provided - two outdoor soccer fields, three outdoor basketball courts, improved track and field facilities.

To see a trailer for The Big Give documentary and view the concept design for the group's Super Campus, head to metronews.ca.

Quoted

"All I want is that kid at Forest Lawn to have the same opportunities as the kid at Western."

Dave Wilder, The Big Give Project

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"I have no reason to resign. I'm going to go back and return my phone calls. I'm going to be out doing what the people elected me to do and that's save taxpayers money and run a great government." Toronto Mayor Rob Ford

Quoted

"As a citizen of Toronto, I'm disappointed. This is a traumatic issue for the citizens of this city and for the reputation of this city, and that concerns me."

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair



Ford 'crack video' in police hands

Bombshell. Footage could go public amid court proceedings involving Toronto mayor's friend



JESSICA SMITH

An associate of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is heading to court Friday morning on an extortion charge that may give the public its best shot at seeing the infamous "crack video."

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair announced Thursday the force had recovered the video from a hard drive seized during "Project Traveller," a guns-and-drugs investigation, on June 13.

He said the video is "consistent" with media reports. The video allegedly shows the "mayor, obviously impaired, smoking what appears to be crack cocaine and making homophobic and racist slurs," reports said.

Police technical experts recovered the video after it had been deleted from a hard drive and gave it to investigators on Oct. 29. As a result, Alexander (Sandro) Lisi, Ford's friend and occasional driver, was charged with extortion. Police accuse him of "extortionate efforts to retrieve a recording" of the video since April.

Blair said the video will be submitted to court as evi-

Staying put for now

Despite the pressure on Ford, municipal law makes no provision for his forced removal from office unless he's convicted and jailed for a criminal offence.

- "There's nothing we can do at this point," Ontario Municipal Affairs Minister Linda Jeffrey said.
- "The province has no power to remove anybody, and obviously we'd have to wait as the investigation unfolds as to next steps."

dence in this case, making it part of the public record. Media can request copies. However, if Lisi pleads guilty before evidence is introduced, the video may not be made public.

Blair also said there is more than one video, and he has seen them.

"There were several video files relevant to this investigation, and two videos that are particularly relevant to this investigation," said Blair.

His announcement came shortly after the release of partially redacted court documents pertaining to Lisi's arrest for trafficking on Oct. 1.

The documents show police tailed Ford, who called Lisi often and frequently met with him. Police observed Lisi passing plastic bags and envelopes to Ford.



Mayor Rob Ford walks past Halloween decorations on his way to talk to media at city hall in Toronto on Thursday. Ford says he has no reason to step down despite police confirmation they have seized a video that media have alleged appears to show him smoking crack cocaine. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clayton Ruby

Lawyer decries 'botched' probe

A renowned lawyer who failed to have Rob Ford ousted from office accused Toronto police on Thursday of deliberately giving the embattled mayor a pass on his alleged drug use and ties to accused and convicted traffickers.

Following police assertions they were now in possession of a video showing Ford appearing to smoke crack cocaine, Clayton Ruby was scathing about the investigation.

"The police have either ignored or overlooked all the evidence against Ford," Ruby told The Canadian Press.

"I've never seen such a botched investigation, and I've seen thousands."

Ruby called it "inexplicable" police never searched Ford's car or home, or wiretapped his phone. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A police surveillance photo of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, left, and friend Alexander Lisi.

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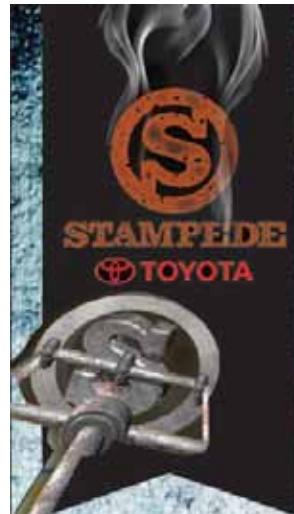
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Calgary Transit riders will still be able to use a smart card to pay to ride down the road. METRO FILE

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Calgary Transit says it wants to "get it right" with its electronic-fare system and has drawn heavily from other cities in developing a program.

But a timeline for rolling out a replacement for the failed Connect card still remains unclear, nearly one year after that program was scrapped following repeated delays and challenges that arose during trial runs.

Now, transit officials have adopted an account-based system that will allow smart-card users to recover the balance they place on their transit-ticket plastic, even if it becomes lost or damaged. The Connect system would not have allowed

Benefits

- Calgary Transit says improvements in technology will allow users to add funds to their smart cards and report them as lost or stolen in real time. With the previous Connect system, information would only be updated when the smart-card reader was connected to Wi-Fi or a cellular network, something that would only happen every 24 to 48 hours.

transferring of funds to a new card.

Ron Collins, transit spokesperson, said officials now have a firm grasp on what they want in a smart-card and will likely issue a request for proposals in January.

"We want to make sure that we're in a position to put for-

ward the best system possible for our customers and that's what we're working towards here," Collins said.

Ward 7 Coun. Druh Farrell deemed the trial with Connect a "false start" and conceded it was frustrating as customers have waited years for an e-payment option.

Transit officials first signed an agreement for the original card with Spanish firm Telvent in December 2010 and had hoped to roll it out in time for last year's Calgary Stampede centennial.

Farrell said she would like to see new technology unveiled as soon as possible and then use that as a basis to begin working on a universal card for city facilities, which would allow residents to pay for recreation-centre use, transit and other amenities using a single card.

"It makes so much sense.... Let's start with transit, but the expectation is it would be used through the city system," Farrell said.

Post-flood stress? Have you considered supplements?



University of Calgary researchers are looking for people who were affected by the June flood to participate in a new study. METRO FILE

Nutritional supplements appeared to help residents in New Zealand deal with stress following a massive 2011 earthquake, and University of Calgary researchers want to see if a similar regime can help flood-affected people in southern Alberta.

"We're basically replicating (the New Zealand study), only we'll have a much larger sample size," said Mike Dolph, who is co-ordinating the Calgary study. "We're aiming for about 210 people."

By the numbers

210

The number of participants sought for the University of Calgary study. An initial study in New Zealand looked at 33 earthquake-affected residents and a second study included 78 people.

Dolph said anyone who was in Calgary or the surrounding region during the flooding in late June is invited

to take an online screening survey to see if they meet the criteria to participate in the study.

"It basically asks questions on their mood and how traumatic the events that they went through were," he said. "They don't have to have been directly affected — their house doesn't have to have been flooded."

Study participants will be divided into three groups, with one receiving a vitamin D supplement, one a B-com-

plex supplement, and one a broad-spectrum nutrient regime. There will be no placebo group, Dolph said.

The New Zealand study out of the University of Canterbury found earthquake-affected residents who took supplements showed reduced levels of anxiety, stress and depression.

Calgarians interested in participating in the study can find more information at facebook.com/floodstudy.

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Wetaskiwin

Seniors struck, killed by train

Two people are dead after they were hit by a train in downtown Wetaskiwin.

RCMP say one person fell on the tracks and the other person was trying to help when the southbound freight train hit them.

Officers did not identify the two who were killed, but Canadian Pacific Railway said it was an elderly couple.

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Edmonton

Man zapped by police Taser dies

An investigative unit says a 39-year-old man who was zapped by Edmonton police with an electronic stun gun has died in hospital.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team says an autopsy will be done on the man who died Wednesday night.

He was hospitalized in serious condition last week.

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Dalhousie

Wrong man identified in sexual-assault case

Calgary police reported Thursday that a man identified in CCTV images released on Oct. 21 in relation to a sexual assault had no involvement in the case.

That incident involves a tanning-salon worker who was allegedly attacked in Dalhousie in May.

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Massive weed stash found at Edmonton airport

Edmontonians are just now learning about a huge marijuana seizure last January at Edmonton International Airport.

After a routine examination of unclaimed baggage following an inbound flight from Jamaica, Canada Border Services Agency officers discovered 200 kilograms of



Weed found in a bag at Edmonton International Airport in January.

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wrapped brick marijuana in seven pieces of luggage.

The CBSA said details are late in becoming public because the case is still under investigation by the RCMP.

Lisa White of the CBSA said the agency wants citizens to get the message that Canada's borders won't be used for illegal activity.

"We want Edmonton to know that thanks to the work of CBSA officers, a significant amount of marijuana didn't make it onto city streets last January," said White.

Heather Hamilton, EIA director of communications and marketing, said the airport is the fastest-growing in the country and so it will continue to deal with cases like this.

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Graves are dug for the bodies of migrants who died of thirst in the desert north of Arlit, Niger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Migrants perish in the desert

Niger. On their way to Algeria on a perilous route, just south of the vast Sahara, 92 died when their vehicle was stranded

Authorities in Niger have recovered 92 bodies of migrants who died of thirst after the trucks they were travelling in broke down in a desolate no-man's-land at the foot of the Sahara desert.

The people were being smuggled last month along a well-established trafficking route used to move contraband, including people, from

Niger to neighbouring Algeria, said Col. Garba Makido, the governor of the Nigerien province of Agadez, south of where the bodies were found.

Officials were only alerted to the incident when a lone woman managed to stumble out of the desert earlier this month. She was picked up by a passing car, which took her to the city of Arlit, around 50 kilometres south of where the first of the two trucks broke down.

The next day, a father walking with his two young daughters also arrived. But his children perished of thirst just a few kilometres outside of Arlit, said Makido. A total of 21 people survived. Most made it to towns at the Algerian border. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For a new life

The tract of land that runs across the continent just south of the vast Sahara desert has for decades been the province of smugglers and criminals, including the local chapter of al-Qaida.

- Tens of thousands of West African immigrants attempting to reach Europe each year have tapped into this desolate route.
- They pay smugglers to ferry them across the ocean of sand in rickety trucks; many die.

East Jerusalem

Israel's plan to build in disputed area denounced

The European Union's top diplomat, Catherine Ashton, has denounced Israel's plan to build more than 1,500 homes in Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem and the West Bank. She calls the move illegal and an obstacle to peace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Euthanasia pioneer. Belgium considers giving children right to die

In Belgium, where euthanasia is now legal for people over the age of 18, the government is considering extending it to children — something that no other country has done. The same bill would offer the right to die to adults with early dementia.

Advocates argue that euthanasia for children, with

the consent of their parents, is necessary to give families an option in a desperately painful situation.

Opponents have questioned whether children can reasonably decide to end their own lives. Only a few countries have legalized euthanasia.

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Party tensions set tone for Tory convention

Conservative quagmire.

MPs and delegates have begun to arrive in Calgary amidst political controversy

A flood postponed their convention in the spring — now Conservatives are facing a deluge of political challenges as they gather in the party's

heartland.

The ongoing Senate expenses scandal and allegations of a coverup at the most senior levels is expected to be a hot topic in the convention corridors, even if the upper chamber is not officially on the agenda.

The Conservative caucus and senior ranks have been wearied by the controversy. Some say they have felt broadsided by constant bursts

of new information — including embattled Sen. Mike Duffy's latest revelation that the party paid \$13,500 for his legal fees. That's in addition to the \$90,000 the prime minister's chief of staff secretly gave to Duffy to repay contested living expenses.

But the roller-coaster ride in Ottawa hasn't appeared to put a damper on registrations for the convention.

MPs and delegates began

streaming into the city Thursday, as registration opened at the Calgary stampede grounds — an area that was underwater during the June floods.

Party president John Walsh says despite the change in dates due to this spring's flooding in Alberta, he predicts a record 3,000 people will attend Stephen Harper's keynote speech Friday night.

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A cameraman adjusts his camera in the main hall at the Conservative convention in Calgary Thursday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Britain. Prosecutor enlivens phone-hacking trial with sexy allegation

In a blockbuster court declaration in Britain's phone-hacking trial, prosecutor Andrew Edis says two of Rupert Murdoch's senior tabloid executives — Andy Coulson and Rebekah Brooks — had an affair lasting at least six years.

The affair covered the period when she was editor of Murdoch's News of the World tabloid and Coulson was her deputy. Coul-

son later edited the same paper and then became a top media adviser to Prime Minister David Cameron.

Edis made the disclosure Thursday during Coulson and Brooks' trial on phone-hacking allegations, the first major criminal case to go to court in the hacking saga. Coulson, Brooks, and her husband, Charles, all deny the charges against them.

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Former News of the World editor and Downing Street communications chief Andy Coulson, left, and Rebekah Brooks had an affair, court was told Thursday. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec

Man rescued months after bear attack

A man has been rescued, clinging to his life, after spending three months in a remote forest in Quebec during which he survived a bear attack.

Police are sharing the improbable story of Marco Lavoie, 44, an experienced hiker who set off on what was supposed to be a two-month excursion on July 16, 2013. Police can't say exactly when the bear attack occurred but it was likely in mid-August.

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Three pumpkins

Jacked-up-o'-lantern

Montreal border officials have stumbled upon a Halloween surprise.

The Canada Border Services Agency says a woman was arrested Thursday with three pumpkins in her luggage at Montreal's Trudeau International Airport. The pumpkins were allegedly stuffed with two kilograms of what is believed to be cocaine.

The CBSA says that since the beginning of 2013, Montreal's airport has had 173 drug seizures. Ten of those involved cocaine.

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Watchdog raps CSIS

Detained. Montreal man claims he was tortured by Sudanese intelligence officials during two periods of detention, but Canada says it knew nothing of the alleged abuse

Canada's spy agency inappropriately disclosed personal and classified information about a Montreal man while he was imprisoned in Sudan, says a federal watchdog.

In its annual report tabled Thursday, the body that reviews the activities of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service also says CSIS reported inaccurate and exaggerated information to partner agencies about Abousfian Abdelrazik's case.

Abdelrazik, 51, was arrested

but not charged during a 2003 visit to see his ailing mother in Sudan.

While in Sudanese custody, he was interrogated by CSIS about suspected extremist links.

In its report, the Security Intelligence Review Committee found no indication that CSIS had asked Sudanese authorities to arrest or detain Abdelrazik.

Days after Abdelrazik's second release from prison in July 2006, his name appeared on a United Nations Security Council blacklist that prevented him from flying back to Canada.

Abdelrazik, who has four children, finally returned to Montreal in June 2009. That same month, the Federal Court of Canada concluded CSIS was complicit in his 2003 detention.

Abdelrazik is suing both the federal government and former foreign affairs minister Lawrence Cannon. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Rome: Activists clash with riot police

Activists, some wearing Guy Fawkes masks, clash with Carabinieri police in riot gear during a demonstration in Rome, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. Clashes between police and activists broke out during a demonstration by protesters demanding rights to have a home when police prevented the marchers from reaching a nearby location where a meeting between representatives from the government, regional authorities and City Hall was taking place to discuss housing policies in the capital. **MAURO SCROBOGNA/LAPRESSE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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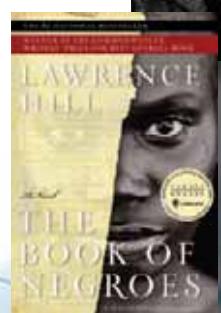
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Moving on. Snowden has new job at Russian website

Anatoly Kucherena, a lawyer for former NSA systems analyst Edward Snowden, says his client has found a technical support job at a Russian website.

Kucherena told the RIA Novosti news agency Thursday that Snowden starts his new job on Friday. Kucherena declined to name the company that has hired Snowden but says it's a major Russian website.

Snowden was granted asylum in Russia in August after being stuck at a Moscow airport for more than a month after flying there from Hong Kong. His whereabouts in Russia remain secret.

The 30-year-old faces espionage charges in the U.S. for uncovering a mass surveillance scheme at the National Security Agency. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Men join fight to allow women behind the wheel

Saudi Arabia. No laws ban females from driving, but authorities don't issue licences

A growing number of men are quietly helping steer a campaign to end Saudi Arabia's ban on allowing women

to drive, risking their jobs and social condemnation in the conservative kingdom.

Some of the men have even been questioned by authorities, and one was detained by a branch of the Saudi Interior Ministry — a move that sent a chill through some of the activists working to put women behind the wheel. On Saturday, 60 women defied the ban. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Activism, Saudi style

Since the campaign was launched protesters have produced videos of women driving and put them online.

- Some men have simply ridden as passengers with women.

The Strand Magazine. Never-published H.G. Wells essay to appear

As Nazi Germany grew ever more dangerous in the 1930s and the Japanese threatened China, science-fiction author H.G. Wells wrote up some thoughts about real-life horrors and in 1937 submitted them to a magazine with the widest possible audience, Reader's Digest.

"Democracies need not merely freedom to think and talk, but universal informa-

tion and vigorous mental training," warned the author of *The War of the Worlds* and other classics. The British author was known worldwide, but his message was apparently too strong for the conservative magazine, which never published the essay. Its debut comes more than 75 years later, in *The Strand Magazine*, on Friday.

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Italy

Cops bust ring of former agents hired to 'recover' children

Italian police have busted an international ring of former special-forces agents hired to "recover" children involved in custody battles who were spirited across borders by one of their parents. Police said Thursday three Italians and a Ukrainian were arrested in Italy. Warrants also were issued for two Norwegians and a Swede.

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Just joking

Two arrested in fake axe attacks

Police in Washington state have arrested two 18-year-old men accused of pretending to attack each other with an axe and using the axe to threaten passersby and taping them.

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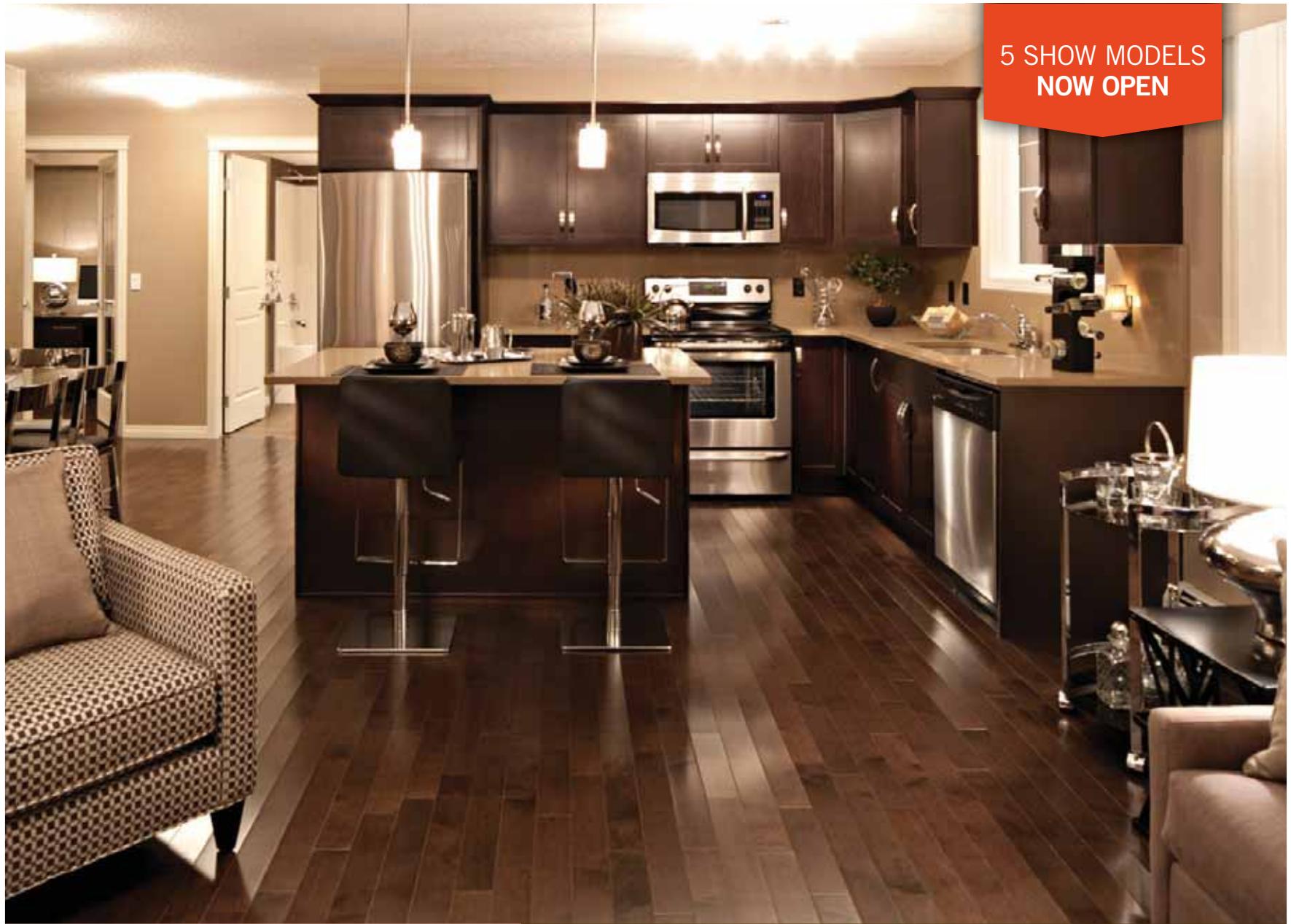
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Kenyan women cry for justice

Rally protests teen's gang-rape. Police freed suspects after making them cut grass as punishment

Hundreds of women in Kenya are protesting after a teenager was allegedly gang-raped and the only punishment for the suspects was that they had to mow the police station lawn.

About 300 women marched through Kenya's capital on Thursday to protest the alleged rape of a 16-year-old girl publicly identified only as Liz.

The online activist group Avaaz says Liz was gang-raped in June and she is now wheelchair-bound. The group says police arrested the suspected perpetrators but only made

The alleged attack

The girl was attacked and repeatedly raped after returning from her grandfather's funeral in June, according to BBC News. She was thrown, unconscious, into a nearly seven-metre-deep pit latrine.

them cut grass at the police station as punishment.

More than 1.3 million people have signed an Avaaz petition calling for the prosecution of the alleged rapists and an investigation of the police who freed the suspects.

One protester, Fanis Lisegeali, noted that Liz now suffers from health problems, including a fistula. Lisegeali said he wants the government to ensure that justice is carried out. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Hundreds of women protest at a demonstration in Nairobi, Kenya, Thursday, after a teenager was allegedly gang-raped in June and no one was jailed. Police who arrested the suspected perpetrators freed them after only making them cut grass at a police station as punishment. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Remains of 360 people dug from Bosnia grave



Forensic experts search for human remains at a mass grave in Tomasica, near the Bosnian town of Prijedor on Thursday. **AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Two decades after Serb soldiers conducted house-to-house searches in a campaign of ethnic killings in Bosnia, forensic scientists are digging up what could turn out to be the largest mass grave from the 1992-95 war.

So far, the remains of 360 people have been found at the Tomasica mass grave discovered in September near the northern town of Prijedor, far more than expected, authorities said Thursday. The number is expected to rise

and could one day surpass the 629 bodies found at Crni Vrh in Srebrenica.

The Missing Persons' Institute said the Tomasica grave is linked to a secondary one found in 2003 about 10 kilometres away, where 373 bodies were extracted. Authorities believe the killers moved parts of the remains from one grave to the other to hide the crime. The bodies are of Bosniak and Croat men, women and children killed in their villages during the war. Most

Grave size
5,000

The grave covers over 5,000 square meters and is 10 metres deep.

of the victims were killed in their villages but teams have also found bullets in the grave which indicates this was also an execution site, prosecutor Eldar Jahic said.

Near the grave, Vahida Behlic, 51, was sobbing as

she watched forensic experts carefully lifting bones from the site, where skeletons were piled on top of each other. She thinks one of the skeletons could be of her mother, who was 60 when Serb soldiers came, dragged her out of the basement and shot her in front of her house.

"I heard the story from a witness who survived because his own grandmother threw herself on him and covered him with her body," she said. **w**



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Camran Macci: Mentoring youth

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It's easy for any young person to become isolated growing up in a big city like Calgary.

Language, cultural and economic factors can make it all the more challenging and, according to groups engaged in the area, isolation is one of the reasons that lead young people to join gangs and contribute to a host of other societal ills.

But for Camran Macci, a University of Calgary finance grad working in the energy sector, one of the best ways to give kids an advantage is by getting them involved in the broader community as volunteers.

"It's rewarding, it's energizing," Macci said of his own volunteer activities.

"I don't think any employer that I interviewed with wasn't interested in the

volunteer (activities) on my resume."

Macci began volunteering as a "reading buddy" for the Calgary Public Library when he was 12. He credited his parents with giving him the push he needed to get out of the house and start getting engaged.

This early experience led Macci to start volunteering through M.O.S.A.I.C. Inc., a now five-year-old non-profit that has its roots in northwest Calgary's Pakistani community.

Macci said M.O.S.A.I.C. is focused on change by promoting "an ethos of volunteerism" among young Muslims. While the group's direction is Muslim, he said it is open to young people from any background.

Youth who volunteer through M.O.S.A.I.C. get connected to opportunities inside and outside the Muslim community, helping in everything from flood relief

on the Morley Reserve, to serving lunch at the Mustard Seed, to fundraising for Kashmir earthquake victims.

"I started out as a volunteer and a supporter and made my way onto various councils (within M.O.S.A.I.C.)," said Macci, who was elected president of the organization's volunteer executive board for the 2012-13 term.

Macci said it's impossible to list the benefits volunteering brings to young people.

"Having youth get involved in the community ... makes a huge difference. Not only does it build skills, communication, networking, leadership, but it keeps kids off the street. It keeps them out of trouble."

"If I never got involved with volunteering I don't think I would be in the position that I am. I don't think I'd be with the company that I am with. I don't think I'd have my degree or gone to university."



Volunteering has opened many doors for Camran Macci. CONTRIBUTED

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Angelo Lutz, who served several years in prison for racketeering and extortion, plays up his criminal past in the decor of his restaurant — complete with cheesy gun lamps and faux bullet holes in a door. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goodfella turns celebrity chef

Kitchen Consigliere.

Instead of swimming with the fishes, Angelo Lutz is serving up fish dishes, and other classic Italian fare

When he was on trial for racketeering, Angelo Lutz denied the Mob's existence, but now he's using his past in organized crime to promote his new restaurant, the Kitchen Consigliere.

The sign out front echoes the logo for The Godfather, but

Difference of opinion

"I'm not a gangster.... The government considered me a gangster.... But what I am now is a businessman."

Angelo Lutz, one of seven men convicted in a 2001 Mob trial that made him a celebrity

with a chef's hat. A mural on one wall puts Lutz, also known as Fat Ange, at a table with famous gangsters, both real (John Gotti) and fictional (Tony Soprano). Sconces to hold lights look like 9-mm handguns.

Lutz is using some un-

savoury associations as he attempts a transformation from prisoner to opinionated celebrity chef.

Last week, he moved his operations from an 11-table restaurant to one three times as large on a prominent corner of the hip, foodie-friendly Philadelphia suburb of Collingswood.

Lutz was one of seven men convicted in a 2001 Mob trial that made him a celebrity. The night before he entered prison, he cooked for his own going-away party, leading one TV reporter to call him "the kitchen consigliere."

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Fired for being late

Disabled Walmart greeter gets job back after outcry

Walmart is giving a disabled Colorado man his job back after he was fired as a store greeter for clocking in late after lunches.

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The dream of lazy people everywhere. Amazon set to deliver groceries to you

Online retailer Amazon is taking on supermarkets by delivering food directly to Canadians' doorsteps.

The retail giant, which built its business selling books and entertainment through the mail, launched its new grocery category Thursday, in what's certain to be an intensifying battle between grocers.

Amazon says the initial

selection includes 15,000 non-perishable grocery products, like coffee, cereal and baby food.

The strategic move will make it tougher for the country's biggest grocers like Loblaw, Sobeys and Metro, who have been focused lately on competing against U.S. big box retailers like Target and Walmart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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KITTY DOUBLES AS CANDY MAN

1 Diploma-see? North Korea's Kim Jong-un received an honorary PhD from a private Malaysian university. The institution bestowed the leader with a doctor of economics degree. Dr. Kim will, no doubt, wield the title with a straight face while governing one of the world's most dysfunctional countries, but on the bright side, maybe now he can get another job.

2 Spy vs. spy. There was an outcry of shock and disbelief in Europe after discovering that the U.S. National Security Agency was listening in on high-ranking Spanish, German and French officials. Government spokespeople issued disapproving statements with words like "disgraceful," or "appalling," referring of course to the act of getting caught.

3 Mama say what? Just months after Kim Kardashian gave birth to her daughter, the reality star is thinking of posing for Playboy again. Apparently, she is eager to show all of those people that made fun of her weight gain that she is hot again. Way to go,



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Kimmy. It's nice to see those maternal instincts kicking in.

4 Here's lookin' at you. Employing eye-tracking technology that measures, in milliseconds, how long the eyes are fixed on certain spots, a new study revealed that men spent more time on women's bodies than their faces. Before this technology, scientists lacked conclusive proof as they relied solely on verbal information, which brings us to two conclusions: Men are perverts, AND liars. And people say we don't spend enough on education.

5 Oops. A teaching assistant at the University of Iowa sent her math students an email saying, "Hi Class, I attach the solutions for number 76 and 78." Instead, she accidentally sent nude pictures of her and a man pleasuring themselves. The images went viral immediately, but even more regrettable was that some students spent the entire night trying to figure out how those images could possibly add up to the square root of a prime

number.

6 The pusher. A cat in the European Republic of Moldova had been travelling freely in and out of the local prison through a hole in a fence. Suspicious guards apprehended the feline and discovered two packets of cannabis attached to its collar. The cat's lawyer argued that it was prescribed for a medical condition, and drew a plea bargain in exchange for the whereabouts of a long sought-after bunny rabbit that had been hiding out nearby.

7 This week in music. In 1998, Cher became the first woman over 50 to have a No. 1 single in the U.K. with Believe. But when Cher does something, she goes all the way. The song hit No. 1 in another 22 countries as well. That was 15 years ago, and she probably has one left in her.

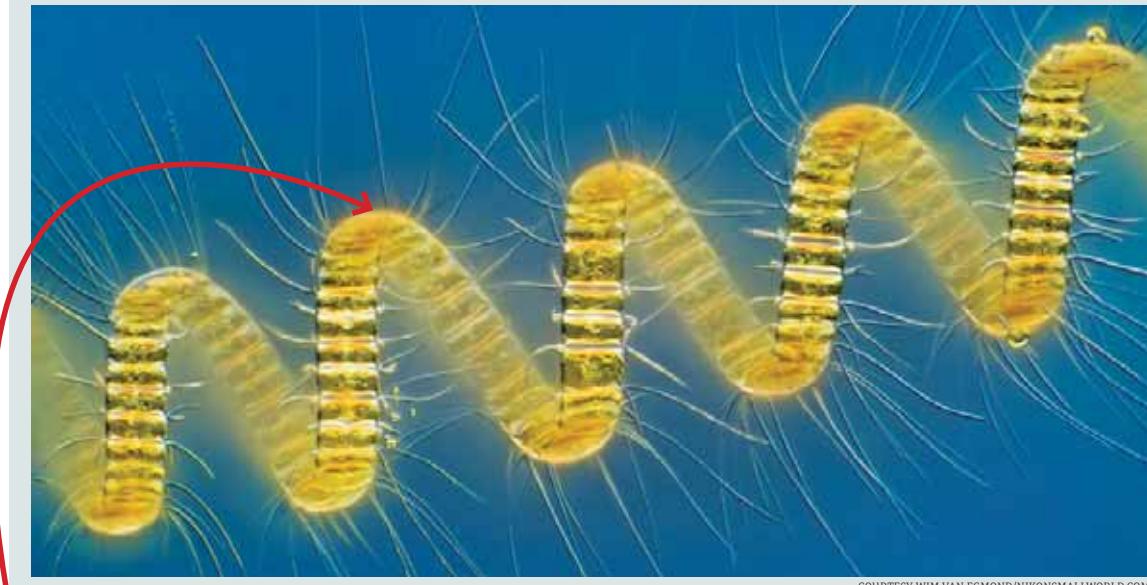
8 Walk on the Wild Side. This week, we lost rock 'n' roll pioneer Lou Reed, lead singer and songwriter for one of the greatest bands to barely sell any records, The Velvet Underground. Lou was a poet and innovator of purpose, blazing a trail for all who followed. He will be missed.

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ZOOM

Here little phytoplankton...



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Marine diatom pic wins contest

An image of a hairy, coiled yet sublimely beautiful phytoplankton has won this year's Nikon Small World Photomicrography Competition, which showcases the best photographs taken through the microscope.

The picture of Chaetoceros debilis, a marine diatom, was captured by Dutch photographer Wim van Egmond. **METRO**

Q and A

'They are tragically beyond our perception'



WIM VAN EGMOND
Photographer, 47, from Berkelen Rodenrijs, the Netherlands

What exactly is it?

This particular species forms a colony in the shape of a chain like a helix. I gathered this sample from the North Sea by

the Dutch coast.

Why is taking photographs of plankton so important?

I'm basically shining a light on a world that we know very little about, but one that is so important to our existence. Diatoms produce almost half of the Earth's oxygen through photosynthesis in our oceans. What's more, diatoms and other plankton are the foundation of the food chain in the

natural world. Their role in our lives cannot be understated, but since diatoms seem invisible to us, they are tragically beyond our perception.

You're a die-hard diatom fan ... Yes, they are so wonderful and bizarre; with 25,000 different species of them, with no two individuals exactly alike, diatoms are an endless source of inspiration. This is the basis from which all life started. **METRO**

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While I'm not advocating for public shaming or mob justice, once in a while, people just have to be put in their place. And sometimes, just sometimes, that only works if someone's watching. Luckily, when it comes to Twitter, someone (or some algorithm) is always watching. Consider yourself warned.

@yesyoureracist:

Generally, if someone starts a sentence with "I'm not racist, but ..." they are clearly racist. This bot retweets those fools in an attempt to school them out of their idiotic, backwater ways. Halloween should be a particularly busy time for this bot with people still asking, "Why is blackface racist?"

@yesyouresexist:

The lesser-known offspring of @yesyoureracist works in the same way but, as imagined, calls people out on their sexist slip-ups. "I'm not sexist but females never have valid opinions on sports." Jerk.

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@metropicks asked:

What's the best way to explain to an eight-year-old the calamity that is **@TOMayorFord?** #toronto #TOpoli #RobFord

@SmidorTyutin: "Remember the time daddy had too much beer? This miserable son of a b—ch has had too much beer all the time."

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@MauriXXI: and that is why he has to resign...

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Synopsis

When Tim Lake (Domhnall Gleeson) turned 21 his father (Bill Nighy) lets him in on a family secret — he comes from a long line of time travellers. With visions of inter-dimensional travel in his head he does what any 21-year-old might do — use his unique ability to get a girlfriend. The object of his affections is Mary (Rachel McAdams), but to win her over he'll have to use his special gift to hone his Casanova skills. As they live their lives together he comes to discover that not everything can be solved with a quick trip back in time.

- Richard: ••••
- Mark: ••••



About Time, starring Rachel McAdams and Domhnall Gleeson, opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



About Time. Rachel McAdams continues to take on time travel movies but the latest seems to hit the right note with a sentimental approach

Richard: Mark, this is the kind of movie critics will call sappy and sentimental. They'll bash it because it wears its heart on its sleeve, which is exactly the reason I liked it.

After *The Time Traveler's Wife* it's time Rachel McAdams got a time travel romance right. It's a silly premise but for me the idea wasn't about the time travel, but the lessons Tim learns

from the time travel about life and happiness. What did you think?

Mark: Richard, as you know, I am no fun. No fun at all. So I spent most of the movie looking for paradoxes in the physics of the time travel conceit. Like all time travel movies, it sets up arbitrary rules, and then breaks them all over the place.

The movie features two of the worst haircuts in the history of cinema, and a romance I didn't really care about. But there's another deeper movie in there, which is a movie about fathers and sons, and I liked that part very much.

Sentimental? Yes, but I felt that part of the movie worked better than its rom-com components. Of course, it could have been the haircuts.

RC: I didn't actually care much about the romance angle or the time travel. I was drawn to the film because of Domhnall Gleeson's charming and slightly goofy performance.

If John Hughes had made British films he would have loved this guy. He does have a bad haircut, but I thought he was a charming, if unlikely, leading man. He has a way with a line and I felt there was a real arc to his character. He literally grows up and becomes a man on screen, which is something you don't see in rom-coms very often.

MB: True enough, although I always thought there should be a law barring gingers from appearing in television and film.

I liked a lot of the scenes in the movie, especially one set in one of those noir restaurants, where you eat in total darkness. It's a literal blind date, and a nice twist on "meeting cute." Bill Nighy is wonderful in the movie, as he always is, and Rachel McAdams does a good version of cute, although she looked about five years too old for the part.

But then Gleeson would go into a closet and ball his fists and ... some of the goodwill was lost for me.

RC: Richard E. Grant's three-minute cameo is almost worth the price of admission. He has one of the best reaction shots I've seen this year.

MB: And a similar hairline as Nighy. Hmmmm....

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Animated



Free Birds

Director. Jimmy Hayward

Stars. Owen Wilson, Amy Poehler

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A ridiculous series of events sends Reggie (Wilson) on a mission to stop his fellow fowl from being served at the first Thanksgiving and thus save millions of birds from becoming the centrepiece of the traditional meal for the rest of history. One should expect a certain level of unreality from a film about time-travelling turkeys. But Free Birds is so far-fetched and implausible that it's practically unwatchable. Even comedic favourites Wilson and Poehler can't breathe any life into the absurd plot.

REGAN REID

Action



Ender's Game

Director. Gavin Hood

Stars. Asa Butterfield, Harrison Ford

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According to Orson Scott Card's hit novel Ender's Game, the future of mankind rests on turning kids into extraterrestrial killing machines and cadet commander Harrison Ford has his sights set on one conflicted adolescent saviour. While the drama is solemnly serious and short on fun, the performances (especially young Asa Butterfield) are decent and the effects entertaining enough to likely keep many kiddies captivated. For the rest of us, Ender's Game is simply played out.

STEVE GOW

Comedy



Last Vegas

Director. Jon Turteltaub

Stars. Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline

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Take every cliché about ageing Lotharios, blend in barroom brawls, boobs and booze, add four ageing Academy Award winners doing embarrassing things and you have Last Vegas. The Flatbush Four childhood pals reunite in Vegas to celebrate one's marriage to a 32-year-old, but a woman of a more appropriate vintage (Mary Steenburgen) enters the picture, dividing the group. Cardboard characters deliver lines that sound hollow. Considering the talents involved it's a shame.

ANNE BRODIE

Action



Man of Tai Chi

Director. Keanu Reeves

Stars. Keanu Reeves, Tiger Hu Chen

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With Man of Tai Chi, director Keanu Reeves has made an entertaining genre movie that pays tribute to the past with a traditional story about honour and martial arts. A practitioner of Tai Chi, Linhu (Tiger Hu Chen) is a humble man who becomes increasingly violent when he is recruited by businessman Donaka Mark (Reeves) to battle in an underground (and illegal) fight club. Reeves throws in a curveball or two, but it is essentially possible to draw a straight line between this story — in Chinese with subtitles — and the great kung fu movies of Bruce Lee. RICHARD CROUSE

Channing Tatum. Actor's burlesque magic gets its own A&E docuseries

The channel that brings us Duck Dynasty is getting a whole lot sexier.

Channing Tatum is producing a docuseries for A&E following the lives of New Orleans exotic dancers.

The series will follow several entertainers who work at Saints and Sinners, the burlesque club Tatum opened last year.

While Tatum hasn't revealed whether or not he will appear on the

show, his "magic" touch is sure to help with ratings and provide some variety to the channel famous for Storage Wars and American Hoggers.

Producer Charlie Corwin, known for a slew of TV shows and movies ranging from The Rachel Zoe Project to The Squid and the Whale, has also signed on. METRO



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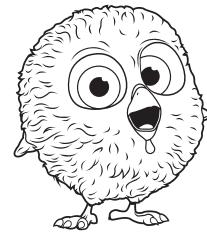
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There's more to Loki than long black hair

Thor: The Dark World. Tom Hiddleston is OK with not reprising his role in the next Avengers because he's busy with other projects



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Metro World News in Hollywood

Tom Hiddleston has made a name for himself as Thor's brother and main nemesis, with Thor: the Dark World marking his third big-screen turn as the Norse god of mischief. Hiddleston even showed up to Comic-Con this summer in character to delight fans during the Marvel presentation, though his character won't be appearing in Avengers: the Age of Ultron. But that's fine by Hiddleston, who has plenty

of other projects to keep him busy.

What was your honest reaction when Joss Whedon told you Loki would not be in the second Avengers film?

My honest reaction was, "That's fine." I never wanted to overstay my welcome, and I've had such a good run with the character. I've enjoyed it so much. It was expected, to be honest, that Joss told me he wasn't going to put me in it. So yeah, my honest reaction was, "All right. Maybe it's time for me to play a few characters who don't have long black hair."

Between your turns at playing Loki, you've also been working in some independent films and a ton of Shakespeare. How do you approach jumping between so many diverse projects?

I honestly love doing them all; it's really true. I get so

many different things from each. I've never wanted to impose limits on my work. Actors make the best choices they can in the moment, and quite often the way the picture is assembled, it looks like there's been some grand master plan, but actually it's all very accidental. I just have a genuine love for it all. I suppose I've always wanted to be able to jump between things. I never wanted to be just the Shakespeare guy and I certainly never wanted to be just the superhero guy or even the indie kid. I should be so lucky, frankly, that I get to do any of these things. I think the variety really keeps me sharp. I had a day between getting back from Tangier (for Jim Jarmusch's Only Lovers Left Alive) and starting on Thor 2. The head shift was very quick. I finished with Tilda (Swinton); I flew back from Morocco; I put my clothes in



Tom Hiddleston returns as Loki next Friday in Thor: the Dark World.
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the washing machine and the next morning I got up and I was in Asgard with Chris Hemsworth. And I love that. I love that that's what my life is. Here I am talking to you, then I'll go home and I'll start Coriolanus. It's nice.

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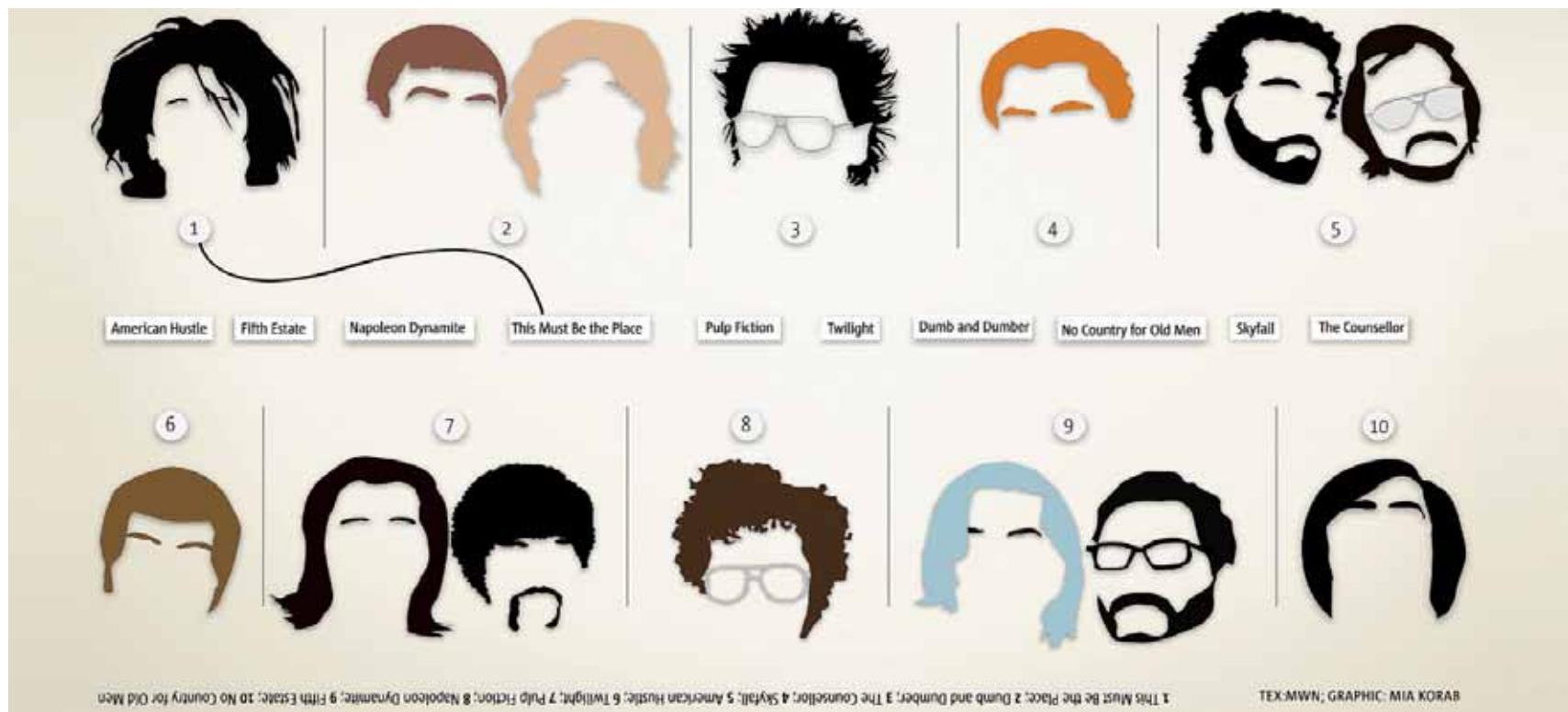
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Magic and loss. Patti Smith reflects on her late friend, Lou Reed



Patti Smith shared her thoughts on the loss of Lou Reed. CONTRIBUTED

Patti Smith is remembering her friend, inspiration and fellow poet-musician Lou Reed, who died Sunday at age 71.

Smith tells The Associated Press the first time she saw Reed in person was in 1970. She says he and the Velvet Underground were performing at the Manhattan club Max's Kansas City. She says she made it her business to study him.

Smith says she is pleased

by the global impact of Reed's passing and by the stories of how his songs affected people's lives.

Smith cited Pale Blue Eyes as a personal favourite. She says the ballad reminded her of her late husband, guitarist Fred "Sonic" Smith.

She also praised Reed's romantic Perfect Day. She sings it often in concert and finds herself moved when audiences join in.

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Lou Reed wasn't perfect, but he was a 'treasure'

Death. A week after his death, musical icon's Canadian partner tells of how he was a misunderstood man

More than 40 years ago, Lou Reed sat on the floor of Bob Ezrin's house on Summerhill Avenue in Toronto, strumming an acoustic guitar and eagerly drawing up plans for the album that would become Berlin.

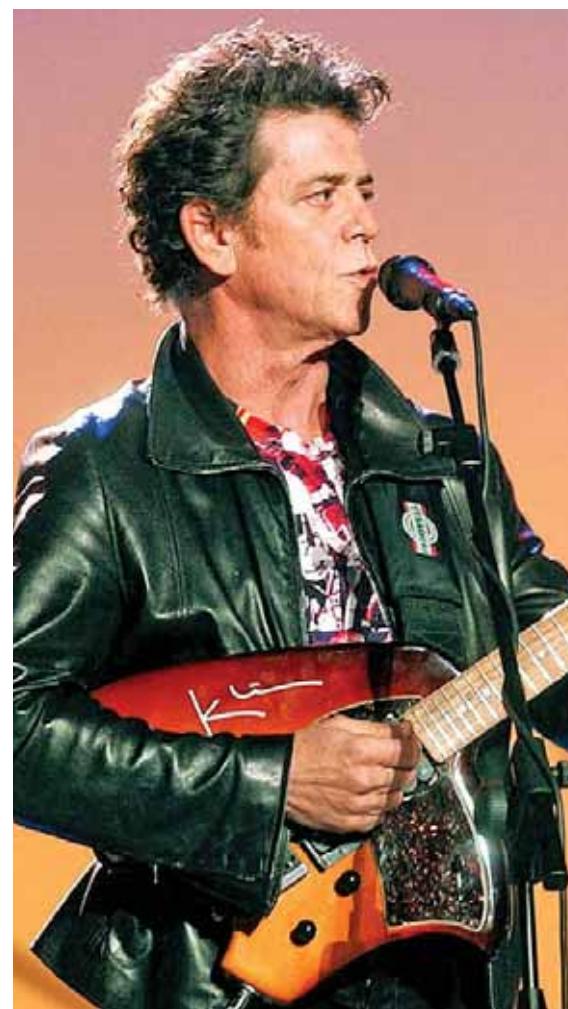
This past Sunday, Ezrin was about to hop a flight home from Los Angeles and spent the time mapping out a trip to New York next month. With considerable enthusiasm, he jotted down a scheduling note to himself: "Breakfast with Lou."

And then he boarded the plane, accessed the on-board wireless Internet, and saw that Reed — the massively influential Velvet Underground songwriter — had died at age 71.

"I almost fell out of my seat," Ezrin recalled in a telephone interview Monday. "I was a captive for five hours. All I wanted to do was run up and down the aisles screaming. By the time I got here, I was pretty drained."

"The world," he continues, "has lost one of its great artistic treasures."

Since Reed's death, a mourning music community has hailed the counter-cultural icon's limitless musical legacy, his intuitive gift for inhabiting the minds of out-



Lou Reed was a misunderstood character, his writing partner says.
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But Reed, Hearn says, was misunderstood.

"Anyone who actually spent a little bit of time with him would see what a caring, sweet person he was," said Hearn.

"He had people coming at him from all directions all his life. So he found a way to deal with that and to keep doing what he loves; to protect his art and to protect who he was."

"Maybe he was grumpy some days. But he's human. And no one's perfect."

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Blue Rodeo reboots with new album to stay in the game

Coming up. The band will embark on a two-month Canadian tour in the new year, hitting all 10 provinces before wrapping on March 2 in Montreal

Blue Rodeo's last release, the sprawling double album *The*

Things We Left Behind, was a critical and commercial success that returned the Toronto alt-country originals to platinum status for the first time since 2002. Creatively they were riding high — and yet, behind the scenes, it felt as though they could be nearing the end.

Co-frontman Greg Keelor's hearing issues had only been growing more severe, and performing live was such a

painful chore that he couldn't be around volume at all. In concert, he might as well have been relegated to special-guest status, limited as he was to materializing for a few acoustic songs scattered about the set.

"That was getting really bad," the band's other mastermind, Jim Cuddy, said in a recent interview seated next to Keelor. "It was such a bad version of the band."

So, they changed the band

— drastically. Almost four years elapsed between that album and this week's release of their rich latest, *In Our Nature*. That's the longest gap between studio albums in Blue Rodeo's quarter-century-plus history.

At Cuddy's suggestion, the band swapped stage monitors for in-ear monitors that would be easier on Keelor's battered ears. They made Colin Cripps an official member on electric guitar, so that Keelor could play

only acoustic and sing. They stood in a different formation onstage, to keep Keelor away from the sources of the loudest noise.

And, Cuddy says, it fundamentally changed the sound of the band's naturalistic new set of tunes.

"I think it's one of our best-sounding records," Cuddy says. "What we intended, that's what it sounds like. It's kind of woolly and comfortable. And I think it's got a lot of strength and the stuff's really played (well)."

Though they have a pristine studio in downtown Toronto, they headed off to Keelor's country farm to make the album above Cuddy's mild consternation.

"It was the only place I knew I could contribute to the record the way I wanted to," Keelor says. "It was a way that I'd worked out for myself to play music again. So I'm very grateful to everyone for doing that for me."

Meanwhile, the rustic setting grew on Cuddy.

"It became this beautiful

Old tensions

The band recorded 1995's *Nowhere to Here* during a particularly fractious period between Keelor and Cuddy.

- The band works as well as it does in part because of the friction between Cuddy and Keelor's opposing styles — Cuddy with his approachable tuneful pop-country, and Keelor with his tendency toward moodier material.

holiday all down in the country," he said. "The band had coalesced because of all the playing we'd done."

The band has experienced some difficult periods in the past, but they seem to be in a good place at the moment.

"For the last few years, we've had a very harmonious group of people. It's not like stuff doesn't happen. It's sort of amazing. It's a little microcosm of a society." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Jim Cuddy and Blue Rodeo are back with a new album called *In Our Nature*. PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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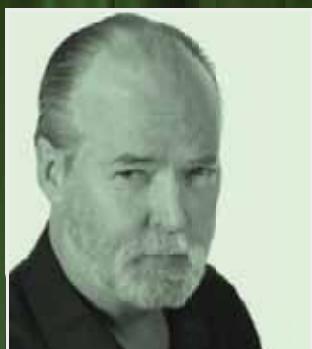
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Reflektor. Album's not quite on fire this time



Arcade Fire's new album has been met with mixed reviews.

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The reviews are in, and Arcade Fire's sprawling new opus Reflektor has critics deeply divided.

The 75-minute, two-disc followup to the Montreal band's Grammy-winning hit The Suburbs has received some raves, but perhaps not the near-universal praise of their past work.

On the positive side, influential music website Pitchfork — one of Arcade Fire's earliest champions — lavished the album with a 9.2 review, concluding that Reflektor is "an album that dares to be great, and remarkably succeeds."

One didn't have to look far for a negative counterbalance, however.

In a shrugging three-out-of-five-star review, the Guardian criticized the record's length and ultimately declared that Reflektor "sounds like the work of a band that have plenty of good ideas, but increasingly can't tell them from their bad ones — or won't be told."

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No Woman No Drive/Alaa Wardi

With more Saudi women openly defying the country's ban on them driving, local star Alaa Wardi offers his support by rewriting a Bob Marley classic.

All three of this week's tracks are covers—but they're not exactly what you'd call tributes



jlyIntaHviS not qajegh/A Couple of Klingons

No, that title isn't a typo.
If you're going to Rickroll your friends, why not do it in Klingon? I'm sure this song had the High Council rolling in the aisles back on Qo'noS.



Sail/A Tesla Coil

Tesla Coils can provide endless fun, especially when harnessed to create music. Still, I wouldn't try this at home.

Video game review



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Beyond: Two Souls

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Ellen Page and Willem DaFoe star in this complex journey through the lifetime of a woman with supernatural powers. Page's remarkable motion-captured acting adds an emotional weight few games deliver.

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Aziz Ansari's new stand-up special, *Buried Alive*, is available on Netflix.
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Aziz Ansari muses on marriage, babies and getting Buried Alive

Comedy. The Parks and Recreation star laments how texting has changed the dating game on his new Netflix special

Beneath the wisecracks and snarky jabs, comic Aziz Ansari admits he's a romantic at heart. The baby-faced stand-up star says he's fascinated by how we connect with each other in this era of texting and Instagram, but especially so when it comes to love.

Finding that special someone is the focus of his new Netflix special *Buried Alive*, where he muses on the increasing pressures he feels to settle down, raise a family and, well, grow up.

"I'm not like totally consumed by it, thinking about it all the time, but it is kind

Other ventures

Stretching himself in new directions includes embarking on an ambitious multimillion-dollar book deal for Penguin Press.

• **Writing.** The book will investigate modern

single life and how today's relationships have been affected by new technologies. Ansari says he plans to tackle this seriously, by interviewing academics and conducting his own research.

ing on marriage proposals, raising children, arranged marriage, and the whole terrifying notion of till-death-do-us-part. It's a markedly more mature look at life than his other comedy specials *Intimate Moments* for a Sensual Evening and *Dangerously Delicious*, he agrees, noting that it's part of his own conscious evolution as a writer.

"My favourite musicians and artists are ones that change and evolve over the course of their albums," says the Parks and Recreation co-star, who filmed and paid for

the special himself to be sure he had complete control over the final product.

"I hate it and I think all artists hate it when people are like, 'Oh, well, this is what that guy does.' You know, 'That's his thing,' whatever it is — talking about my cousin Harris or you know (cocky alter ego) Randy, or whatever — and I like all that stuff but you don't want to repeat yourself. I was like, 'Let me do something different and not do any of the stuff I've done in the past.'"

Ansari bemoans the radical ways technology has changed how people communicate, especially the simple act of dating.

"It used to be you'd have to work up courage and call someone on the phone and speak to them and, you know, it was a much different thing than just like (pretends to text on a phone): 'Hey, what are you doing tonight?'"

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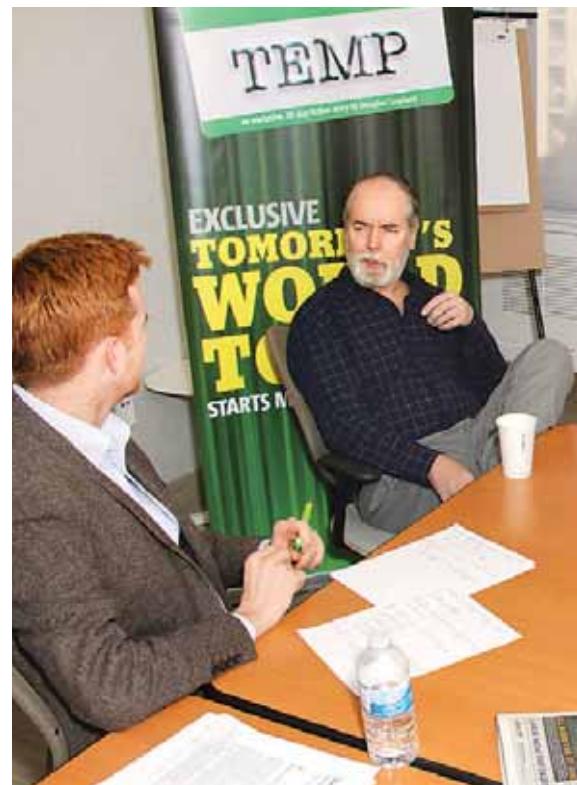
He simply, humbly, writes, sculpts, designs and collates from his base in Vancouver, telling us about our country and about the world as it's currently lived in. He works hard and produces material constantly. It's a fortunate thing that one of our culture's closest and most versatile observers is also one of its exemplars.

Coupland's newest novel, his 14th, is *Worst. Person. Ever.*, a lewd, rude globe-trotting picaresque that follows the eponymous scoundrel, a singularly profane television cameraman named Raymond Gunt, on a calamitous sex-, booze- and four-letter-word-fuelled helltrek from London to L.A. to Honolulu to Micronesia.

Raymond, described on the book jacket as "a living, walking, talking, hot steaming pile of pure id," chases chemical and sexual pleasure with abandon, leers unself-consciously at every woman in his field of vision and frequently fantasizes about literally enslaving his fellow man. If nothing else, it's the perfect gag gift for the clergyperson on your Christmas list. I recently talked to Coupland, via email, about the book.

A theme in your fiction that goes all the way back to generation X and that is present in *Worst. Person. Ever.* is the human need to turn life into story. What is the difference, if any, between telling your own stories about your life and telling yourself lies?

I think in this case it's the difference between how others



Author Douglas Coupland chats with Matt LaForge at Metro's Toronto office earlier this week. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

see you and how you really are. Self-delusion is always funny.

Raymond Gunt tells the reader that he's charitable, understanding, worldly, open-minded and peace-loving. But his conduct, to put it mildly, suggests otherwise. Why do you think he — an impulse-driven guy who lives to party and get laid — claims so insistently that he's broad-minded and selfless?

Simple: He thinks it will somehow get him laid.

You tweeted a link to the Guardian's negative review of *W.P.E.*, saying that the review's author "took the bait." What did you mean by that?

She took it at face value and actually thought the book was being put forth as literature — and then reviewed it as such. I mean, how fricking clueless can you be? It's a fun risqué read and seeks to be nothing more.

Much of your past work is breezy and funny but, at least as I read it, intends to rise to the level of serious art. What made you want to do something with lower esthetic stakes?

More online

- Read the rest of the interview — including Coupland's takes on '80s music, Alice Munro, literary experimentalism and the likelihood that the world as we know it is ending — on metronews.ca.



Fun! No, seriously: fun. Really. Fun.

Speaking of fun — W.P.E. has a lot of cursing and locker-roomish sex talk and a decent amount of violence. Are there any people who you think shouldn't read the book?

Not my call. But in the same way that you probably wouldn't leave martinis lying around your house, you probably might not leave *W.P.E.* around either.

Who's the worst person ever in real life?

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David Arquette ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

David Arquette could use a top-notch PR handler right about now

David Arquette drunk-dialled the Howard Stern Show last night, and wow did he say some stuff. Highlights included backhanded compliments to Hitler.

"Listen, listen, listen — I've gotta say something on the N-word later — but Hitler played the game very well. He did. Listen, yeah, he played his game very well. He convinced a lot of people to play his f-king evil game. He played the game really well, but he was playing the wrong game."

Luckily he didn't manage to make it to whatever he had to say about the N-word, but he did happen to refer to Coco, his daughter with Courteney Cox, as his "first kid."

Wait, does that mean he had other kids? When? David didn't answer when Howard asked him, just "sort of wheezed and mumbled, giving no direct answer," as HowardStern.com puts it.

Arquette seemed dimly aware that things weren't going so hot. "Listen I'm going to be brutally honest with you and if that means tomorrow I have to get sober, I will get sober. I've been going on this whole Mayan thing lately. ... Are you with me? So, let's play the right game."

Yes, let's. The non-Hitler game. And in Arquette's case, maybe the "Just seltzer water for me, thanks," game.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

The celebs who creep us out the most



THE WORD

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Sitting around the slightly rotten office jack-o'-lantern, on Halloween day while popping sour candies into our mouths, we asked our fellow Metro staffers which celebrity scared them the most. Read it now — if you dare. Bwahahahahahaha!

Raquel Welch

We're pretty sure Raquel Welch is one of the Tupperware mommies from the TV series *Eerie, Indiana* — the kind that sleep in Tupperware coffins to stay fresh. She doesn't seem to be aging. See photo for evidence.

Bruce Jenner

What he's done to his once-handsome face is more gasp-inducing than watching *The Conjuring*.

Steve Buscemi's mouth

Look, we love the guy, but you really wouldn't want to brush up against his grill in a dark alley, would you?

Mel Gibson

What has he been up to since his anti-Semitic rant? We'd be spooked to venture



into his basement at this point. Dude is probably working on something he wants no one to see.

Taylor Swift

We're not going to lie, it keeps us up at night worrying about what pretty young man-thing she'll set her blond succubus sights on next. Boys beware.

James Franco

Nobody should have that much energy and accomplish that many different things. It's terrifying. We're scared of what he'll decide to add to his resumé next — brain surgery? Rocket science? A human centipede made entirely of his comedy mafia bros? (Actually, we'd like to see that.)

Ashton Kutcher

What deal with the devil did that guy do? Highest paid actor on TV? Check. Mila Kunis as a girlfriend? Check. Signing over his soul to el diablo is the only explanation.



Justin Bieber

Justin's new hobby? Vandalism

Justin Bieber has apparently found a new activity to amuse himself — graffiti. The Canadian pop star posted several photos to Instagram of himself engaged in his "new hobby" while on tour, spraying city walls with

crude cartoons and messages. On one wall, he's seen writing, "R.I.P. Pac," though it's unclear if he's honouring Tupac Shakur or his recently deceased hamster, which he named after the late rapper — or both.



Michael Fassbender

Acne and 'unfortunate' hair: Michael was a normal-looking teen

Michael Fassbender apparently hasn't been keeping up with popular opinion, because he doesn't think he's all that attractive. "I've never really thought of myself as good-looking. I think of myself as, you know,

all right," he tells the U.K. edition of *Elle* magazine. "I used to have bad acne as a teenager, so all of this is a bonus now, the fact that I don't have pimples anymore. And my hair was also, you know, unfortunate."

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This recipe serves six. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

Diwali fave will light up your taste buds

Palak Paneer. Puréed spinach, yogurt and, for a local twist, Canadian paneer cheese make this dish a nutritional delight

the floor using coloured powders or sand.

Food also plays an important role with families coming together to enjoy a savoury meal and share sweets.

To join in the celebration, make a simple and quick version of Palak Paneer, glowing with the warm, spicy flavours of cumin, coriander and chili powder. It cooks up quickly and pairs with a side of warm naan bread or Basmati rice.

1. In a large, deep skillet, heat butter and oil over medium-high heat until butter melts. Add onions and garlic; sauté about 2 minutes or until tender.

Stir in coriander, chili powder and cumin; sauté 30 seconds or until fragrant; stirring well to prevent spices from burning.

2. Stir in puréed spinach, yogurt and salt; reduce heat to

medium-low and cook covered for 10 minutes or until it starts to bubble. Stir in paneer; cook covered 6 minutes or until paneer softens and is cooked through. Give it a final stir and serve warm. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) chili powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1 package (300 g) frozen spinach, thawed and puréed
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt whisked until smooth
- Salt to taste
- 12 oz (350 g) paneer, cut into bite-sized pieces (about 2 cups/500 ml)



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Do you pooh-pooh Australian table wines? If so, I can't blame you. Though offering some of the wine world's most popular brands, the juice from Down Under has become repetitive.

There is plenty of good news. This time last year, I was on a three-week Aussie odyssey and had my glass filled with oodles of mind-blowing wines that are now arriving across Canada.

South Australia's McLaren Vale has perplexed me. Best known for its fuller-bodied reds (especially shiraz), I've often found many of them lacking in that punch of flavour that makes a good wine great.

I'm betting its wine-makers recognized that.

On my tour, I found an invigorated region and was soon populating my tasting notebook with the words "exciting" and "innovative."

Chapel Hill 2011 Parson's Nose Shiraz (\$19.99) is a perfect example of this new wave flowing from McLaren Vale. Named for an ironstone chapel built on the winery's property in 1865, it's an old school shiraz with a thick, plummy body and black, anise spice finish that makes it ideal for a juicy steak, or anything up-front and beefy. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.



Notice of Hearing for Permanent Guardianship Order To Robert Rawlings

Take notice that on the 29th day of November, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta, a hearing will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Permanent Guardianship Order** of your child born on **January 21, 2013**. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you MUST appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

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Sleeping Beauty

The Alberta Ballet presents the classic tale of Sleeping Beauty, which runs until Sunday at the Jubilee Auditorium. Swedish choreographer Mats Ek is regarded as one of the best in his profession and this is Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montreal's first visit to Calgary. The story has been updated to follow a young Aurora in modern times who tries to rebel against her parents but things don't go as planned. Be warned: this ballet is not for kids. For tickets and show times you can call: 403-245-4549.



Thank you for the music

The ABBA Show comes to town on Tuesday so get ready to be entertained with music from the group that brought you eight albums, 42 singles and a long-lasting legacy. The ABBA show takes you on a journey that celebrates the magic, the music and the talent. This show has now toured in 23 countries and critics have given this performance rave reviews. Show begins at 8 p.m. at the Jubilee Auditorium. For tickets: ticketmaster.ca.



Fest reaching high

GIRAF, which stands for Giant Incandescent Resonating Animation Festival, starts on Wednesday. The GIRAF Festival celebrates independent and experimental animation created by Canadian and international animators. There will be a series of workshops, artist talks and screenings over five days. This is your chance to see one-of-a-kind animation. The festival is brought to you by Quick-draw Animation Society, a local non-profit artist-run centre. Admission to the screenings is \$10. There will be a limited amount of festival passes available for \$50. giraffest.ca.



Bear Mountain

Bear Mountain is in the middle of their Western Canadian tour and the boys will be at Broken City on Wednesday. Bear Mountain made a brief stop in Calgary during Sled Island, and they gave an incredible live performance that showcased their fresh electronic sound during their last stay. The group will be playing songs from their album 'XO' and will be joined by special guests Belle Game. Doors are at 9 p.m. Broken City is located at 613 11 Ave. SW. For tickets you can call (403) 262-9976 or visit the website: brokencity.ca.



Martha Wainwright

Martha Wainwright is a Canadian folk singer who came from a family of talented musicians. She can sing just about anything, from Edith Piaf to her own version of pop. Her most recent album, titled Come Home to Mama, is multi-instrumental and shows off yet another side of her talent, which will be featured at Festival Hall on Friday, Nov. 8. Doors are at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Visit festivalhallcalgary.com.



That Men May Fly

That Men May Fly is the story of two bomber pilots from Canada and Britain and their female flight mechanic. The story follows the two pilots as they are anxiously waiting to enter the Second World War. The play features a wonderful selection of music from the 1940s and touches on the themes of camaraderie and courage. The play is directed by Glenda Stirling, with musical direction by Tom Doyle. Until Nov. 16. Lunchbox Theatre is located at the bottom of the Calgary Tower (160, 115 9 Ave SE). Visit lunchbox-theatre.com.

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NHL

Bruins hunt down Ducks in shootout

Zdeno Chara scored the tying goal on a power play with under three minutes remaining in regulation and Jarome Iginla had the lone goal in a shootout to rally the Boston Bruins past the Anaheim Ducks 3-2 on Thursday night.

Carl Soderberg scored his first NHL goal and Tuukka Rask made 21 saves for the Bruins, who mustered only one shot on goal in the first period. They never sustained much of an offensive attack but still managed to snap a two-game skid.

Devante Smith-Pelly scored less than two minutes into the game, Mathieu Perreault had a goal and an assist and Jonas Hiller stopped 21 shots for the Ducks.

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NHL

Low-scoring Rangers ride Lundqvist to win

Henrik Lundqvist made 29 saves in his 47th NHL shutout, and the New York Rangers won their second straight and first at home with a 2-0 victory over the lowly Buffalo Sabres on Thursday night.

Lundqvist made a late third-period save with the top of his helmet, deflecting the puck into the crowd, and then robbed Marcus Foligno with 1:20 remaining.

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NFL

Fins' safety dance beats Bengals

Cameron Wake sacked Andy Dalton for a safety with 6:38 left in overtime, and the Miami Dolphins beat the Cincinnati Bengals 22-20 on Thursday night.

On third-and-10 from the 8, Dalton retreated to the goal-line and was tackled by Wake coming up the middle for the third overtime safety in NFL history.

Mike Nugent kicked a 54-yard field goal with 1:24 remaining in regulation to put the Bengals ahead, but Miami answered with a 50-yard drive, and Caleb Sturgis made a 44-yard field goal with 11 seconds left to force overtime.

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Lions quarterback Buck Pierce scrambles against the Eskimos on Oct. 25 in Vancouver. Pierce will get the start on Friday as the Lions host the Stampeders to in a tune-up for the playoffs. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lions Buck-le up with Pierce as QB

CFL. Stampeders travel to Vancouver looking for 15th regular-season win and club records

The B.C. Lions are looking for more bang from their Buck on Friday as they host the Calgary Stampeders in the final game of the CFL regular season for both teams.

Fresh off a strong relief appearance in a win over Edmonton last week, Buck Pierce will start at quarterback for the Lions as they prepare for the playoffs. It will be Pierce's first start since July 19 while he was with a Winnipeg club that discarded him in a September trade to the Lions.

"Each opportunity that you get, you're excited about, especially after the year that I had this year," said Pierce after a walk-through Thurs-

Week 19 pick



Kevin Glenn remains Calgary's starter despite losing two fumbles and throwing an interception and botching a handoff that landed him on the bench to start the second half of last weekend's win over Saskatchewan. Glenn will open under centre for the

day at B.C. Place Stadium. "It's not easy. You leave a situation that was tough mentally, and then you're put into a situation that gives you another opportunity to play and prove your worth and just have fun."

The Lions (10-7) will use

Stampeders but backup Drew Tate and No. 3 Bo Levi Mitchell are also expected to play.

Running back Jon Cornish, the CFL rushing leader with 1,799 yards, needs 97 yards to break Willie Borden's club record. Defensive end Charleston Hughes, the league leader with 18 sacks, needs two to break Harold Hallman's franchise mark.

It will be interesting to see how much playing time each gets as Calgary chases its 15th victory.

Pick: Calgary.

the game as preparation for a playoff road game, knowing that they are already set to finish third, and a possible re-match with the first-place Stampeders (14-3) in the Western final.

The Lions must hope that Pierce's banged-up body

holds up as he continues his second stint with B.C. in an injury-plagued career. He is getting the start because No. 1 signal-caller Travis Lulay is recuperating from a shoulder injury and replacement Thomas DeMarco has been ineffective recently.

The Stampeders have a 2-1 record against B.C. this season. Quarterback Kevin Glenn and running back Jon Cornish said it's important for the Stamps to post another win in order to have momentum going into the playoffs.

Cornish leads the CFL in yards from scrimmage (2,143) and rushing (1,799). But noting that he has not achieved any of his personal goals this season, he is not looking to pad his statistics.

"If (the coaches) want to pull me early, I'm cool with that," he said. "If they don't, that's cool, too."

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4 SPORTS



Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz applauds after defeating the Cardinals in Game 6 of the World Series on Wednesday night in Boston.

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Free to play. Varlamov able to travel with team while charges pending

Colorado Avalanche goalie Semyon Varlamov will be able to travel with the team while prosecutors consider whether he should be charged with assaulting his girlfriend.

On Thursday, a judge said Varlamov could be released if he posted \$5,000 US bond and be allowed to travel with the team but he was ordered to stay away from his girlfriend, among other restrictions.

The girlfriend told investigators that Varlamov kicked her in the chest, knocking her down, and stomped on her chest as she lay on the ground in her apartment on Monday, according to an arrest affidavit. The girlfriend, whose name was redacted, also accused Varlamov of dragging her by her hair and telling her that he would have beaten her more if they had been in Russia.

Varlamov appeared in court briefly Thursday. He spent the night in jail after turning himself in on Wednesday. He stood next to his lawyer to face Denver County Judge Claudia Jordan, who also told him, through a Russian interpreter, that he couldn't drink or possess firearms. He also had to sign a



Colorado Avalanche goalie Semyon Varlamov DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

waiver that he would be immediately sent back to Colorado if he fled.

The 25-year-old turned himself in to police Wednesday evening, after practising with the team that day. He was arrested on suspicion of second-degree kidnapping and third-degree assault.

Varlamov's agent, Paul Theofanous, said he "is completely innocent of all of these charges."

Varlamov's lawyer, Jack Rotole, declined to comment on the case, saying he would defend his client in court.

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World Series win caps off tragic year in Beantown

Boston Strong.

Marathon runner finds bittersweet ending in Red Sox victory

For fans, players and political leaders who celebrated the Red Sox's World Series title with cries of "Boston Strong," the championship provided a jubilant finish to a season that was shadowed nearly from the start by the April bombings at the Boston

Marathon.

The morning after he cheered the victory inside Fenway Park, Ed Carlson returned Thursday to the marathon finish line he had crossed months earlier, 20 minutes before the bombs went off, and then had scrambled to find his children in the ensuing chaos.

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"To be at the marathon and then be there for the World Series — I still tear up thinking about it."

Ed Carlson, Boston Marathon runner

quite a year," said Carlson, 51, of Princeton, Mass. "To be at the marathon and then to be there for the World Series — I still tear up thinking about it."

The success of the Red Sox, who finished last in their division

only a year ago, became a welcome surprise and eventually a symbol of resilience for a city recovering from the twin bombings that killed three people and wounded more than 260. People periodically stopped around the finish line on Thursday morning to offer a solemn tribute.

Carlson, who was taking in the scene with his 17-year-old daughter, wore a new Red Sox World Series Champions baseball hat along with the same blue and yellow marathon jacket he wore to every Sox game he attended over the season. At Wednesday night's game, he had his marathon medal in his pocket.

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Blue Jays

New hitting coach aims to use the whole field

Throughout last season Blue Jays manager John Gibbons lauded hitters who "used the whole field," could drive the ball gap-to-gap and were not wholly dependent on a pull-happy power stroke.

It's no surprise then that the hitting coach he and GM Alex Anthopoulos have hired to replace Chad Mottola is one who shares that philosophy.

The Jays announced Thursday that Gibbons' former colleague with the Kansas City Royals, Kevin Seitzer, has been named the team's new hitting coach.

Gibbons worked alongside Seitzer with the Royals for three seasons, from 2009 to 2011, when Gibbons was the team's bench coach.

Seitzer said he developed his philosophy from his personal experience and also "special conversations with some very good hitters," singling out George Brett, Paul Molitor, Dave Winfield and about a dozen of the game's best hitters from the '80s and '90s.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NFL. Shanahan calls Haynesworth 'lazy'

Mike Shanahan levelled a scathing critique at Albert Haynesworth on Thursday, saying the former Redskins defensive lineman was "lazy" and had a "lack of passion" and "lack of character."

The Washington Redskins coach was responding to comments made this week by Haynesworth, who told Tennessee Sports Radio

that Shanahan is "conniving," self-centred and will run quarterback Robert Griffin III "into the ground."

Asked for his reaction, Shanahan began his answer and then stopped himself and started over — because he wanted to "say it the right way."

Then he hammered home a zinger.

"When you don't get along with somebody as a head

coach or an assistant coach, it usually falls into one of those areas — lazy, lack of passion, and a lot of times lack of character," Shanahan said. "And he fits all three."

Haynesworth signed a \$100-million free-agent contract with the Redskins in 2009, but he and Shanahan clashed frequently after the coach arrived in Washington a year later.

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Rose rises late in game as Bulls solve Knicks

NBA. Chicago point guard clinches victory in second game back from lengthy recovery from ACL surgery

Derrick Rose made a baseline floater with 5.7 seconds left to lift the Chicago Bulls to an 82-81 victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday night in his first home game since he injured his left knee 18 months ago.

Rose had 18 points on 7-for-23 shooting and committed four turnovers. But there was no doubt who was getting the ball after Tyson Chandler went 1-for-2 at the line to give



Bulls guard Derrick Rose looks to pass against the Knicks on Thursday night in Chicago. GETTY IMAGES

New York an 81-80 lead with 10.8 seconds remaining.

On Thursday

82 81
Bulls Knicks

The speedy point guard, who was a game-time decision for his return due to a sore neck, got the ball on the wing and drove to the baseline for the go-ahead basket, drawing a standing ovation from the delirious crowd at the United Center.

New York had one last chance but Carmelo Anthony missed a long jumper.

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NHL

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Toronto	14	10	4	0	48	32	20
Boston	12	8	4	0	35	22	16
Tampa Bay	12	8	4	0	40	33	16
Montreal	13	8	5	0	37	23	16
Detroit	13	7	4	2	29	34	16
Ottawa	12	4	6	2	35	38	10
Florida	12	3	7	2	26	42	8
Buffalo	15	2	12	1	23	43	5

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	13	9	4	0	41	31	18
Carolina	12	4	5	3	26	36	11
NY Islanders	12	4	5	3	37	39	11
Columbus	11	5	6	0	31	29	10
NY Rangers	12	5	7	0	20	37	10
Washington	12	5	7	0	34	38	10
New Jersey	12	3	5	4	26	37	10
Philadelphia	11	3	8	0	20	30	6

Thursday's results

Boston 3 Anaheim 2 (SO)

NY Rangers 2 Buffalo 0

Nashville at Phoenix

Wednesday's results

Toronto 4 Calgary 2

Pittsburgh 3 Boston 2

Detroit 2 Vancouver 1

Los Angeles 4 San Jose 3 (OT)

Friday's games

All Times Eastern

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

St. Louis at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

NY Islanders at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.

Montreal at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Colorado at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Phoenix 104	Portland 91
Sacramento 90	Denver 88
Golden State 125	L.A. Lakers 94
Friday, November 1	
New Orleans at Orlando, 9 p.m.	
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.	
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.	
Miami at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.	
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.	
Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.	
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.	

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CFL

WEEK 19

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Toronto	17	11	6	0	487	435	22
x-Hamilton	17	9	8	0	416	461	18
x-Montreal	17	7	10	0	436	451	14
Winnipeg	17	3	14	0	354	548	6

x — clinched playoff berth.

y — clinched division.

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Calgary at B.C., 10 p.m.

Saturday's games

Hamilton at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 5 p.m.

(End of Regular Season)

NFL

WEEK NINE

Thursday's result

Miami 22 Cincinnati 20 (OT)

Sunday's games — All Times Eastern

New Orleans at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Washington, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Dallas, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New England, 4:25 p.m.

Baltimore at Cleveland, 4:25 p.m.

Indianapolis at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's game

Chicago at Green Bay, 8:40 p.m.

MLS

PLAYOFFS

KNOCKOUT ROUND (single-game elimination)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Thursday's result

Houston 3 Montreal 0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Wednesday's result

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may be envious of a rival's success but it's a waste of time. If you compare yourself to others, you will always find someone who has done better than you. Compare yourself to who you were yesterday.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

A loved one may be giving you a hard time and you may have every right to hit back at them but is that such a good idea? According to the planets, you should let it go and let them get past this negative phase.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Don't let yourself get upset about little things. The Sun's link to retrograde Mercury in the work and wellbeing area of your chart today warns you to watch your temper.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

There are so many good things going on in your world that you may worry you don't really deserve it all — but you do. The planets are simply rewarding you for past efforts you made on other people's behalf.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Make the most of what you have and don't worry that others may have more than you. Life is not a game where the one with the most wins. Life is a process to be enjoyed.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It would be unwise to reach a decision today without seeking advice from people you trust. With Mercury, your ruler, moving retrograde you may not be seeing things straight.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Try not to get annoyed with the varied fools you have to deal with today. They can't help it if, compared to you, they don't have a clue what's going on. If anything, feel sorry for them.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Mercury in your sign makes your mind sharper than usual but because it links to slow-moving Pluto today you may find it hard to reach any lasting conclusions. That's good, as most likely they'll be wrong.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If there is something you are hiding and you will no doubt be dismayed when it becomes public knowledge. Don't be embarrassed though, it's OK.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are more than impatient with people who move slowly. However, the more you try to hurry them along, the more they drag their feet. What can you do about it? Nothing. Perhaps you should move more slowly yourself.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Resist the urge to make decisions about your social or professional situation. With mind planet Mercury in the career area of your chart linked to unpredictable Uranus they will most likely be wrong.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It would appear that a friend is in an argumentative mood and would like nothing better than to engage you in the kind of debate you cannot win. Give it a miss! SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

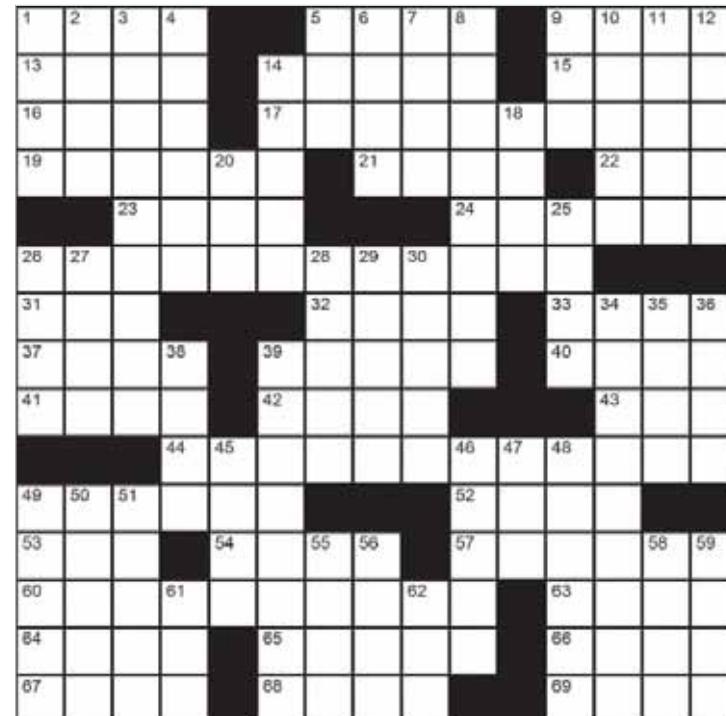
Across

- Camera lovers
- and Span
- Mr. Carrey's
- Bank —.
- Bat cave fertilizer
- About: 2 wds.
- Woodstock's Sha

- 'Celebrating Canadian Excellence', Canada's — : 3 wds.
- Father's dad
- Mr. Waggoner
- Lead-in to 'bard' (Pelt)
- Roast: French
- "___!" (Arrived-things exclamation)
- November 1st: 3 wds.

- Fluffy scarf
- Beaver State [abbr.]
- Get — (Get hired)
- Touch down
- Walk — line
- "Finding —" (2003)
- Taro root
- Inquiry [abbr.]
- Author Ms. Hinton's

- Christopher Plummer movie, with The: 3 wds.
- Filmdom
- Raison d' —
- Fuss
- Judi Dench/Kate Winslet movie
- Imp
- Parliamentary



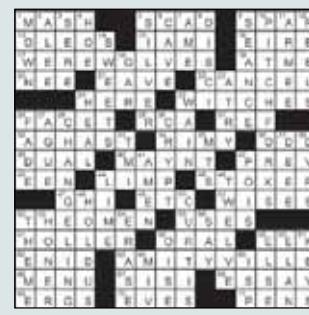
profession
3 wds.
63. Bit
64. —'acte (Intermission)
65. Imperial decree in tsarist Russia
66. We, in Westmount
67. Li'l travel lines
68. "Well, now...":

2 wds.
69. Hosp. readouts
Down
1. Place the picture
2. Rent-—
3. Holly —, Juno-winning singer/songwriter
4. "Full House" star John

5. "Dalla — Pace":
Mozart aria
6. Melancholy
7. Like ballpoints
8. American President, Calvin — (b.1872 - d.1933)
9. Peanut butter brand
10. DWTS judge Car-

rie Ann
11. Michael Keaton comedy, "— —" (1983)
12. "Can't you — ???" (Hey, I'm over here)
14. Haida — (Queen Charlotte Islands, now)
51. Actor Nick
55. Not pleasant
56. Thailand, once
58. Give — (Yank)
59. Laddie's love
61. US tax org.
62. "The second last letter is known —." ...said the Alphabet instructor

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	5	1	7	3	8	9	4	6
9	6	7	2	1	5	3	4	8
4	3	8	5	6	2	7	1	9
8	7	9	4	3	6	5	2	6
3	6	5	1	8	7	4	9	2
5	8	6	9	2	3	1	7	4
7	9	2	1	5	4	3	6	8
1	7	8	5	6	3	2	9	4
6	2	4	3	9	8	1	7	5
4	1	3	8	7	6	5	2	9
1	7	9	6	8	5	4	3	2
6	2	5	3	4	9	8	1	7
8	3	4	2	1	7	6	9	5

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	9	8			
8	7		6	5	
6	2				
1	6	8	7		
5	4	2	9	8	1

Weather

TODAY

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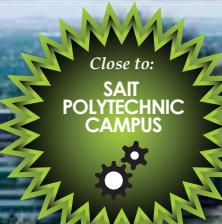
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